



Ambulance will only be sent if medically necessary

# FREE HOSPITAL TRAVEL DENIED

Report by Richard Guttridge

**ELDERLY people in Dudley in receipt of mobility allowance are being told they will no longer be given free transport to hospital.**

Several patients have raised concerns since patient-care company NSL took over the running of the service from Ambuline. Some say they cannot book an ambulance to collect them from their homes anymore.

Bosses at NSL say there has been no change in criteria as patients in receipt of mobility allowance have never been entitled to free non-urgent transport to Russells Hall Hospital. Access in Dudley, which champions the rights of disabled people, said NSL was enforcing criteria that had never been enforced before. The group estimated that there were thousands in Dudley receiving mobility allowance.

NSL now offers the transport service for those who have a medical need only.

Access in Dudley chairman Tina Boothroyd said: "If you get the mobility element of the disability allowance, if you tick yes, that doesn't qualify you for hospital transport. This has never been a problem before and I know people who have travelled on hospital transport for 16 years and have never been asked."

The mobility allowance is paid to people who have difficulty walking, through physical disabilities or other conditions. Those in receipt of this funding are expected to use it to help them get to hospital appointments. But many find it difficult to use public transport or taxis.

## Stressful

A woman from Kingswinford, who asked not to be named, said: "I have been using the service for eight years and have never been asked the question of whether I am eligible."

"It's very stressful and means I can't get to my appointment. It's not about money. It is embarrassing for me to get on a bus or in a taxi."

Mrs Boothroyd said she had taken several calls from concerned people. "This is going to upset a lot of people," she said. "People with disabilities who have regular hospital appointments use the transport because there is no other way to do it."

NSL spokeswoman Afrika Morris said: "In Dudley, the eligibility criteria states that a patient in receipt of mobility benefits is ineligible for transport. However, in some instances, a patient with severe mobility conditions may be eligible for transport. We will be working with the Clinical Commissioning Groups to address these."

## APARTMENTS TO HELP HOMELESS REBUILD LIVES



Midland Heart operations manager David Cockroft, Saltbrook Place manager Jonathan Greenwood and Councillor Gaye Partridge at the apartments

A £5.7 million apartment block providing housing for vulnerable adults and the homeless has opened its doors in Lye.

The two-storey building in Gibbs Road is on the site of a former hostel. The development is called Saltbrook Place and has 58 one-bedroom apartments.

Twenty-four of the apartments are clustered around communal dining and lounge spaces for those with short-term support needs. The rest are self-contained and are aimed at providing a stepping stone to independent living.

Seven of the ground floor rooms also have kennels for dogs.

Open to individuals and couples, the apartments are managed 24-hours a day. People also have access to an IT suite, learning kitchen and allotments.

Developed by Midland Heart in partnership with Dudley Council, Homes and Communities Agency and Bullock Construction, the new development has been designed to help individuals overcome barriers to living independently.

David Cockroft, operations manager of

supported services at Midland Heart, said: "Saltbrook Place transforms the provision of services available to vulnerable individuals in the area."

"As well as giving structured support, Saltbrook will provide its customers with a motivating environment, enabling them to rebuild their lives and progress to independent living."

"Supporting vulnerable adults is not just about giving them a place to lay their head at night, it is about developing aspirations and providing the tools to make the right choices for the future."

## FIRE

### Suspected arson at derelict factory site

ARSONISTS are believed to be behind the latest fire at a derelict factory in Quarry Bank.

Crews were alerted to the blaze at the units in Saltwells Road after smoke was seen coming from the premises.

There has been a spate of small fires at the factory in recent months, which is thought to be the work of arsonists.

Brierley Hill Fire Station sent eight fire-fighters to the incident at around 5.30pm on Sunday. Five officers also attended from Haden Cross.

## CARNIVAL

### Major event in late park switch

THE first Halesowen Carnival for almost 30 years is moving location due to concerns over heavy vehicles raised by Dudley Council.

Organisers say the move has cost them around £1,000 for re-printing leaflets, banners and signs for the event.

Huntingtree Park was due to host the revived carnival on July 4. But council officials say pathways in the park would be unsuitable for vehicles. Organisers have had to move the event to nearby Highfields Park.

## COLLEGE

### Work to start on new crossing in autumn

WORK on a new crossing to help students at Dudley College's £18 million campus negotiate a busy road more safely is due to get under way in the autumn.

The plans were drawn up because of concerns that students at Dudley Evolve could be in danger when they cross The Broadway.

The scheme was originally refused planning permission by Dudley Council following worries from residents about noise and traffic queues.

But a planning inspector backed the college's call for a push-button puffin crossing.

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# Mountain of rubbish is to be cleared



Homes to replace mound

EAGERLY awaited plans to replace a mountain of rubbish that has blighted the lives of homeowners in Brierley Hill for years — and replace it with flats — have finally been approved.

The decision ends a nightmare for people living near the heap, which once reached 40ft, at the former Refuse Derived Limited site on Moor Street. The mound has towered over neighbouring properties since 2009.

It was a saga that resulted in High Court action with company director Robert McNaughton even jailed for failing to remove the eyesore in 2013.

But now a total of 94 flats will be built in place of the trash mountain.

Plans submitted by developer J and V Kelly to transform the site were unanimously approved by Dudley Council's planning committee last week.

Councillor John Martin said: "Residents living in Lindsey Place, Moor Street and North Street have suffered what can only be described as a living nightmare facing the huge rubbish mound that has built up. I wholeheartedly support this application."

Councillor Kieran Casey said: "It's clear to see from photos that the site is

a mess and is in desperate need of regeneration and redevelopment. This application goes a long way towards doing that.

"It will deal with the problems on this site once and for all."

Chairman of the planning committee Councillor Qadar Zada was critical that the problems had gone on for so long at the site. He said he was confident approving the plan would bring hope for residents.

He said: "The people of Brierley Hill have suffered unnecessarily and it is time to move forward."

# Suspended sentences for petrol station thugs

**TWO thugs who left a man seriously injured at a petrol station have both been given suspended prison sentences.**

Aaron Edwards suffered a fractured jaw and was left covered in blood by the unprovoked attack which began as he queued with a friend at the night pay window at a BP petrol station in Stourbridge.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that he was accused by another customer, Samantha Harper, of insulting her before she threw a punch at him.

Edwards' friend then attempted to stop the violence from escalating before three men sprinted across the forecourt towards them. They included Ashleigh Round and Alan Buckingham, who both set upon the pair.

The court was shown CCTV footage of the forecourt violence, which took place just after 2am in March 2013.

Mr Delroy Henry, prosecuting, said: "Miss Harper said to Mr Edwards 'are you talking about me?' Both gentlemen started to laugh in response because they weren't."

"She said 'you called me a bit of a fat cow'. Out of nowhere she punched Mr Edwards to the face. It was quite clear there was no provocation."

## Stamped

The court heard how Round, 23, of Wynall Lane, Stourbridge, then pushed Mr Edwards' friend, a Mr Oakes, 'forcefully' to the ground. Buckingham, aged 19, of Claycroft Place, Lye, was shown picking up a traffic cone and hurling it towards Mr Oakes and he also stamped on Mr Edwards as he lay on the floor. Round was seen 'kicking and throwing punches' towards Mr Edwards.

Round was given a nine month prison sentence, suspended for two years, at the crown court this week. Harper, aged 29, of Seymour Road, Lye, received a eight month jail term, which was also suspended for two years. Both had pleaded guilty to affray.

Round must carry out 200 hours of unpaid work and Harper 180 hours. Both were told to pay £550 in court costs.

Buckingham has admitted grievous bodily harm and is awaiting sentencing.

## Popular garden with a tropical twist



Peter Bridgens chats to visitors about his cottage garden with a tropical twist in Landsdowne Road, Halesowen

IT'S owner describes it as a cottage garden with a 'tropical twist'.

And walking through Peter Bridgens' Halesowen garden you would be forgiven for believing you were in a much warmer part of the world.

The unique spectacle boasts giant rhubarb type South American plants alongside Michaelmas daisies and each year dozens turn up to have a look around as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

In recent months the garden has

also come to have special significance for the man for who it is his pride and joy.

Peter, aged 65, said: "I have been very ill recently and if I am completely the honest the garden has kept me sane.

## Inspire

"I decide to open it to the public because I like people to realise that there is this opportunity to grow things that they might never have thought of.

"Who knows, I might even inspire people. Of course the most important thing is that we get the money for charity.

"I have had relatives who have died having suffered with cancer and I might end up with Alzheimer's, so they are good causes."

Peter has been opening his gardens to the public for 20 years.

The retired transport manager added: "As a young lad my parents gave me an area of the garden, even then I took it seriously."

# Councillor is saying street has enough places to eat

NO more food outlets are needed in a busy Black Country high street according to a councillor who has spoken out against plans to open a new restaurant in Dudley.

Councillor Bryan Cotterill raised an objection to open the premises on the site of a former wine bar in High Street, Quarry Bank, at a meeting of Dudley Council's planning committee last week.

The Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood ward councillor also said he was concerned about the impact the restaurant would have on people living nearby.

The restaurant application, which was submitted by Mrs Husna Bibi, had been recommended for approval by the council's planning officers, who said it would 'enhance the economic prosperity of the town centre'.

## Smells

However, Councillor Cotterill said: "At the last count there was about nine food outlets, including the fish and chip shop, and we don't want any more.

"It is certainly in very close proximity to residential accommodation."

The building backs on to flats and Councillor Cotterill said he was worried the positioning of a flue would create unwelcome smells, while delivery trucks and bin lorries coming in and out of the site could also pose other problems.

But members of the planning committee decided that they needed to arrange a visit to see the site for themselves before making a decision on the application.

# Forbidden love story from Iran

AN author who encountered the laws and customs of Iran whilst searching for traditional recipes, will speak about her experiences at Stourbridge Library.

Jennifer Klinec has written a memoir called The Temporary Bride, which outlines the time she spent in the country learning to cook local dishes and, inadvertently, experiencing a forbidden love affair.

Leaving her Canadian home at 16, Jennifer, who now lives in London, travelled the world in search of ancient recipes and set up a cookery school. The Temporary Bride is her first book.

The event takes place at the library in the Crown Centre tonight (Thursday) at 7pm and tickets cost £3 including refreshments. Tickets are available from the library on (01384) 812945.

# Quick-fire comedy in new sketch show

A COMEDY group is promising a variety of quick-fire jokes in its latest sketch show.

A Comedy Theatre Group take to the stage at Glebe Lane Methodist Church Hall, Stourbridge, on June 26 and 27 at 7pm. Tickets are £3 from 07954692593.

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# Hundreds are fined over bad parking at stations

MORE than 400 fines of up to £100 have been dished out to motorists for poor parking at railway and Metro stations in the Black Country.

Centro introduced penalties to clampdown on nuisance parking at its park and ride sites last year.

Since the start of December, a total of 407 fines of £100 have been given out to commuters and passengers.

Of these, 202 were handed out at Stourbridge Junction and 128 at Sandwell and Dudley.

There were also 30 issued at Wednesbury Parkway, 28 at Rowley Regis, 13 at Colesey and six at Wolverhampton Priestfield.

Centro decided to take action after complaints about cars obstructing other motorists and forcing pedestrians to walk in the road at stations.

## Successful

Transport bosses say the scheme is proving successful as the number of fines given out is falling each week. They are reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days.

Centro spokesman Mark Langford said: "While parking notices continue to be issued their numbers are considerably lower than when the scheme was introduced."

"We are glad the campaign continues to have the desired effect by making people think about parking more considerately."

Earlier this year, work on a 900,000 extension to the car park at Stourbridge Junction railway station was completed.

# Roadworks will last for 20 weeks

MOTORISTS are facing delays for five months when a new set of roadworks get underway on a busy road in Kingswinford.

Temporary traffic lights were being placed on Stallings Lane this week as South Staffs Water start carrying out work to lay a new water main. The work is expected to take around 20 weeks and traffic lights will be in operation during peak periods.

The entrance to Pensnett Trading Estate, off Second Avenue, will be temporarily closed on June 20 and 21 and again on June 27 and 28.

South Staffs Water have apologised for any inconvenience that will be caused and want to thank residents, businesses and motorists for their patience.

# Classical sounds at summer concert

HALESOWEN Orchestra is performing a summer concert featuring works by Smetana, Haydn, Sibelius and Mendelssohn at the Cornbow Hall on July 11 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10, children under 12 free.

# Dudley taught me to work hard, says Sir Lenny



Sir Lenny has previously met The Queen

FROM humble beginnings living near Buffery Park to his big break on the TV talent show New Faces and now as a respected serious actor being given a knighthood – Dudley's Lenny Henry has come a long way in a career spanning four decades.

The Comic Relief founder, comedian and Shakespearean actor was raised in the town along with his siblings by immigrant Jamaican parents.

He grew up in Douglas Road and has since heaped praise on the town for providing a springboard for his career in the early days.

As a youngster in the 1970s he attended Bluecoat School where classmates have fond memories of him keeping them entertained with his jokes and Tommy Cooper impressions. His early years were spent in Black Country working men's clubs and he came to the attention of TV bosses and viewers alike when he was a contestant on the talent show New Faces in 1975. He won it with an impersonation of Stevie Wonder.

He made guest appearances on programmes including Celebrity Squares, Seaside Special and The

Ronnie Corbett Show. But his career really started to take off when he hosted anarchic children's programme Tiswas from 1978 to 1981 alongside Chris Tarrant and Sally James. Other shows followed including Three of a Kind with Tracey Ullman and David Copperfield and The Lenny Henry Show.

He was made a Freeman of Dudley borough two years ago. Now aged 56, he said: "People always ask what Dudley did for me – living here taught me you had to work hard to get anywhere in life."

# Roll-call of pride as awards are revealed

**A TEACHER, a tennis star, GP, community champion and farmer are among those from the Black Country and its surrounding area to be recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours awards.**

While Lenny Henry stole the headlines when he let the cat out of the bag about his impending knighthood earlier this week, he is not the only person from the region to be honoured.

Black Country wheelchair tennis champion Jordanne Whiley has been made an MBE for services to sport.

The doubles star from Halesowen has been recognised for her incredible form over the past couple of years which has seen her win five consecutive Grand Slam titles alongside partner Yui Kamiji.

Andrew Griffiths, head teacher at Dudley's Ellowes Hall Sports College, has received a prestigious OBE, as has Dr Nick Harding, a senior care chief at the Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group.

Mr Griffiths has guided Ellowes Hall to becoming Dudley's best state school in his 13 years at the helm and has also played a key role in the formation of a new academy trust bringing together four schools in the borough.

The 59-year-old said: "I am delighted. This is because of the effort and work of people of the school more widely and a bit of it is each of theirs."

In 2013, the school was named as one of the most improved in the country.

In 2008, Dr Harding was a founding partner in a new super partnership for GPs which brought together 15 health centres and represents around 70,000 patients in the Black Country. People who have made a difference in their communities have also been named on the honours list.

## Campaign

Lynn Boleyn led a campaign to save Maidensbridge Primary School in Wall Heath from closure. Her actions led to her being elected as a councillor in Wall Heath, while she then went to spearhead a campaign to raise more than £1 million for a new football centre for the Kewford Eagles. She has been awarded an MBE. Miss Boleyn, of Beechcroft Road, said: "I couldn't believe it."

Farmer Bill Snelson, aged 82, will also get an MBE for services to farming and to his home village of Bobbington, near Stourbridge.

Dr Clare Tailor, of Stourbridge, receives an MBE. Jeremy Hobbs gets a BEM for services to Compton Hospice in Wolverhampton and Hazel Knowles, president of Halesowen St John Ambulance also receives a BEM.



Paralympic and Grand Slam tennis ace 23-year-old Jordanne Whiley of Halesowen is receiving an MBE



Ellowes Hall headteacher Andrew Griffiths



School campaigner Lynn Boleyn, of Wall Heath

## NEWS IN BRIEF

# Next phase of housing project

WORK has begun on the next phase of a £15 million project to revamp thousands of council homes across Dudley.

Money is being spent upgrading kitchens and bathrooms, repairing roofs, rewiring and installing new central heating.

Properties in Dudley, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill and Halesowen will be among those renovated.

The refurbishment scheme has created jobs for six apprentices and a graduate. Dudley Council has spent £44.5m on improvements.

# Many more Army reserves needed

A RECRUITMENT drive is being held to attract Army reserves.

The B Squadron of the Royal Yeomanry, based in Dudley, is looking for the next generation of Army reserves from the Black Country in a bid to boost its operation numbers.

The move comes after last year the British Army only recruited 20 fully-trained reserves. Vacancies exist for men and women between 18 and 48 in areas of combat reconnaissance, human resources, catering and medical technicians. Call Arran Bevington-King on (01384) 215162.

# Mayor is backing blood donations

THE Mayor of Dudley is urging people to help save lives by giving blood.

National Blood Week is running this week to highlight the importance of people giving blood.

Councillor Steve Waltho is highlighting blood and organ donation as one of his priorities. In Dudley there were 3,959 people who donated blood at least once last year. That's 19 in every 1,000 people in Dudley aged 17 to 70. Visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23 to find out if eligible.

# Fun day for scout hut will be in hall grounds

A FAMILY fun day will be held in the grounds of Hagley Hall to help raise funds for a Scout group.

The hall's parkland will be hosting the fun event on June 28 from 10.30am until 4pm.

Organisers from Hagley Ramblers Scout Group are preparing for an event featuring Vikings, bushcraft and a bouncy castle in aid of a scout hut revamp. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3.50 for three to 16s. Car park free. See [www.hagleyramblers.com](http://www.hagleyramblers.com)

# Waggiest tails at show

DOGS of all shapes and sizes will be in the spotlight at a charity show, including category for waggiest tale, on Saturday during a summer fair hosted by Age Concern Stourbridge and Halesowen. The fair is from 10am to 3.30pm at Age Concern, Mary Steven's Day Centre Centre in Hagley

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THE recent recall of "gluten-free" products from supermarkets following fears they may contain gluten, exposes one of life's little oddities. If you add icing to buns, the buns cost more. If you add currants to buns, the buns cost more. But if you remove gluten from buns, the buns still cost more.

AN academic caused a row a couple of weeks ago by referring to erasers as "an instrument of the devil" for encouraging kids to hide and ignore their mistakes. I bet ye ancient mason who carved a plaque in Beer church would disagree. Mounted on the wall, it praises the memory of Edward Good, an "industrious fisherman" who left an endowment of £20 to the poor of the village. Having finished his plaque the mason no doubt sat back to admire it. That's when he would he have noticed the bit about how the money was to be "distributed," and no doubt muttered the Almighty's name.

"A NATION engorged on cupcakes is a nation in decline." The Daily Telegraph in full harrumphing mode this week, deploring the popularity of the American treat.

YES, the official photos of Prince George and his baby sister Charlotte are sweet.



But that is no excuse for one of Fleet Street's finest putting up the headline: "Their Royal Cutenesses." This is England, not Disneyland.

WE no longer speak English as the Queen used to speak it, in the days when monarchs dwelled in pellisses and the lower orders lived in hices. But you do occasionally catch a morsel of genuine 1950s Windsorese. In the streets of Leamington Spa a few days ago I heard an old chap explaining, in a cut-glass accent, that the wind was "dine dine". Dying down.

ARISE, Sir Lenworth. Lenny Henry's knighthood was only a matter of time and I bet within a few years he will be in the House of Lords. Not a bad result for a working-class lad from Dudley who has spent his entire adult life doing stuff he loves.

MORE linguistic confusion. After the UK/US mix-ups over fags and rubbers, a reader writes: "My wife is Ukrainian. When Ukrainian friends visit us for the first time, we always have fun telling the female visitor that I am going to take her husband to a public house (in her language a public house is a brothel)."

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# Concern over shops after vandal attack

VANDALS have again targeted a run-down shopping parade in Wordsley, prompting renewed calls for action over the eyesore.

A door of an empty shop in Sandringham Place has been smashed in the latest incident.

The row of six shops opposite The Ashwood Inn has been blighted by vandals for 15 years. Three of the shops remain empty despite repeated

efforts to revitalise the properties. Following the latest attack, Wordsley's Councillor Paul Brothwood is seeking to secure an enforcement notice against the owners requiring them to clean up the shops.

Councillor Brothwood, also Dudley's UKIP group leader, said: "It has looked like that for 15 years now. It is a real eyesore and I am determined to get it resolved. The

residents here are very frustrated. They feel the terrible state of the shops has affected the value of their properties. They do not want to be looking at an eyesore."

Fellow ward councillor Derrick Hemingsley, who has campaigned to restore the shopping parade, warns that proposals to build a Co-Op on the nearby Ashwood Inn car park could delay progress.



The shop row at Sandringham Place

# Senior managers will go to save £1m a year

**EIGHT senior managers are being made redundant at Dudley Council to save £1 million as part of cost-cutting plans.**

Senior director roles at the council are being cut from 22 to 11 as part of the savings scheme.

Five director and 17 assistant director positions are being removed and replaced with three strategic directors and eight chief officer posts.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Pete Lowe said: "We are in the final stages of this tier of the corporate restructure and have welcomed a few new faces to the authority who share our ambition to make this leaner and more efficient than ever before.

"Two of the three strategic directors are now in place with an appointment to the third being made over the next few weeks, and we are currently recruiting for a chief officer for children's services, which we hope to agree soon.

"There have been eight redundancies agreed as part of this restructure and there are currently a further three staff at risk of redundancy."

## Concerned

The move had come under fire from opposition councillors concerned about the rise in salaries for the new roles but bosses said the directors and officers would have larger remits.

Councillor Lowe has said the changes are not just a one-off saving but on-going, year-on-year that would help to save the authority £1m each year.

The council needs to make savings of £22.9m in 2015/16, moving up to £25.3m by 2016/17 and £27.4m to save by 2017/18.

But the council has warned it faces a deficit of approaching £30m by 2017/18 if additional savings are not found. More than 130 jobs will be axed by the council.

The council is looking to make 134 voluntary and two compulsory redundancies in 2015/16.

## School strengthens links with Africa



Belle Vue Primary School pupils saying goodbye to Wensu Faye, a visiting teacher from a school in The Gambia

LINKS between Wordsley and The Gambia have been strengthened thanks to teachers and school pupils.

Belle Vue Primary School in Wordsley received a British Council Connecting Classrooms grant to fund exchange visits with the African nation.

Two members of Belle Vue staff visited The Gambia in March and in return Wensu Faye, a senior teacher at Bakau Newtown Lower Basic School, has visited Belle Vue.

He worked throughout the school teaching lessons, as well as meeting parents and Governors to share teaching methods and ideas. This culminated in a Global Children's Conference last week, also attended by pupils from Netherbook Primary School in Netherton.

The conference was run by Claire Davies, deputy headteacher of Belle Vue and Pam Copeland of B & C Education who have been running trips to The Gambia for teachers for the last 12 years.

The conference celebrated The Day of the African Child, held on June 16.

The conference included a UN style debate where the children discussed whether all children should go to school.

The Connecting Classrooms programme is funded by the British Council and UK Aid and is designed to help young people learn about global issues.

It supports 5,634 schools in the UK and allows 31,000 schools worldwide to collaborate online.

# Scottish trek invitation to support sight loss charity

COMPANIES across the West Midlands have been invited to join a team building challenge in aid of Black Country charity Beacon.

The three-day trek in the Scottish Highlands will offer a test of character, leadership and teamwork, as well as raising vital funds for the Sedgley charity to support people living with sight loss across the region.

Kelly Vickers, Beacon's fundraising and event officer, said: "Outdoor team building events are a fantastic way for companies to energise their workforce, improve team bonding through a shared experience and inspire them to deliver better performance in their daily work.

"We are calling on groups from local companies to push themselves to the limit and tackle this spectacular and challenging 26-mile trek in the Scottish Highlands and Trossachs National Park.

"The event will leave participants invigorated and elated after pushing themselves through some of the most breathtaking scenery in the British Isles. And, of course, there is also the massive feel-good factor of knowing their efforts will directly improve the life of a visually impaired person in the West Midlands."

The trek takes place from September 18 to 20. Registration costs £75 with a fundraising target of £425 per person. The cost includes all meals, accommodation in tents or tipis, camping equipment and experienced support. Contact fundraising@beacon4blind.co.uk or call 01902 880111.

## Taking a look at chapel restoration

PEOPLE will be given a behind-the-scenes look at the restoration of historic Black Country chapels.

On Saturday the public can see the progress of work returning Lye's Victorian cemetery chapels to their former glory.

West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust owns the Grade II Listed Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapels, which are being restored following successful applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund and other charitable bodies.

The trust will safeguard the landmarks and create a suite for use by Dudley Council's citizenship and registration services.

Places must be booked in advance. Contact Carolyn Healy on 07805 489296 or 01952 433380.

## Music and stalls at church fundraising day

A CHURCH will be welcoming visitors to an open day on Saturday. St Michael's at Himley will host the event in aid of church funds from 11am until 4pm.

There will be stalls, competitions, refreshments and live music.

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Drama and arts space at library

AN Arts Council grant will be used to bring literature to life at Kingswinford Library.

Funding of £15,000 has been awarded to the four Black Country councils to spend on showcasing events for their Books into Art project.

In Dudley, part of Kingswinford Library has been transformed to provide a performance area for drama, music and arts events. The Books into Art project will also mark the start of the annual Summer Reading Challenge for children. Visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/libraries) or call (01384) 812740.

Medieval theme at country fair

VOLUNTEERS from the Dudley and South Staffordshire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale are to run a beer tent as part of the annual Kinver Country Fair on Sunday.

The event, which coincides with Father's Day, is taking place along the village's main street and on Stag Meadows. The fun starts with a parade at 11am. Entertainment will include jousting from The Knights of Middle England, a display from Hagley Falconry Centre and fun dog show. Admission to the show ground is £5, free for accompanied children.

Beacon HQ hosts quiz fundraiser

A BLACK Country charity helping people with sight loss is encouraging companies to put on their thinking caps and get fundraising.

Beacon's HQ in Sedgley, on Wolverhampton Road East, is the venue for the fourth annual quiz organised by Quality Silks Solicitors tonight (Thursday) at 7pm. Entry costs £50 per team including a hot meal. Email [fundraising@beaconvision.org](mailto:fundraising@beaconvision.org) or book at [www.beaconvision.org/Event/silks-quiz-night](http://www.beaconvision.org/Event/silks-quiz-night)

A bigger marquee is needed at beer festival

A BIGGER marquee has had to be booked for the annual Black Country Beer Festival at Lye Cricket Club in August. The number of real ales, ciders and perries for the festival from August 13 to 15 has been increased from 80 to 100.

Festival goers will also be able to watch cricket on the Saturday and Sunday with live music in the evenings at the ground in Stourbridge Road. The £10 admission includes £5 of beer tokens.

Staffies club show

THE Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club is holding its 80th anniversary open show on July 12 at Cradley Labour Club's Wilson Hall, Colley Gate, from 10am. It will form part of the Black Country Festival. Kennel Club registered Staffies are welcome, enter via the website at [www.thesbtc.co.uk](http://www.thesbtc.co.uk)

Festival to be launched with a night at the opera

A NIGHT of opera is set to open the Black Country Festival next month, showcasing talent from the local area and from London's West End.

Community group Gig Caritas is putting on an evening of orchestral music and choral singing for the opening of the second Black Country festival. The group raises money for charities.

The upcoming Opera- The Best Bits! will be running as part of the Black Country Festival and money raised will go to Parkinson's UK.

It will be held at 7.30pm on Saturday, July 4, at St John's Unified Reformed Church in Stourbridge.

The event is set to include performances from professional soloists, a choir from the Brierley Hill Musical Theatre Company and the In Sound Company, and the Stourbridge Chamber Orchestra.

Councillor Pete Lowe, leader of Dudley Council, said: "Last year's Black Country festival was a real highlight of both the summer and the year for our borough.

"It is looking to be even bigger and even better than last year and the range of events already planned is set to give a lot more diversity to the area."

"In the Black Country we aren't widely known for our opera, but we are definitely renowned for our diversity — Gig Caritas is really offering that this year."

Tickets are priced at £10 per person and are limited, see their website [www.gigcaritas.com](http://www.gigcaritas.com)

New event service offered by groups

DUDLEY disability groups are among the first in the country to offer a unique way of recording events thanks to funding from Dudley Council's Innovation Fund.

Dudley Voices for Choice and Access in Dudley members have been trained to make a live recording of meetings. The two groups are planning to offer the service to businesses and other organisations as a way of raising money.

Sarah Offley, of Dudley Voices for Choice, said: "We produce a visual record of the event. It can then be used by people, who may or may not have learning disabilities, to help them understand what has been discussed."

Contact Sarah Offley on 01384 422666 or email [dudleyvoicesforchoice@gmail.com](mailto:dudleyvoicesforchoice@gmail.com)

Acts needed at museum event

MUSICIANS, dancers and comedians are being sought for an event at a museum in the Black Country. Haden Hill House Museum in Cradley Heath hosts the event on July 12 afternoon. Call (01384) 569444.

Zoo open to talks over sharing car park

BOSSSES at Dudley Zoo say that they would consider allowing their car park to be used by people attending events at a restored Dudley Hippodrome.

The future of the landmark former theatre has been left in the balance after The Rok Group withdrew its plan to rescue and restore the venue, partly because of the failure to reach agreement over use of the adjacent car park owned by Dudley Zoo.

But zoo chiefs say they are open for discussions over the shared use the attraction's car park.

A crunch meeting is taking place on Saturday at Dudley Council House over the ongoing saga of the Hippodrome.

Members of Dudley's UKIP group called the extraordinary meeting, with UKIP keen to examine

the problems which scuppered the £8 million deal with The Rok Group.

UKIP Councillor Dean Perks said it was vital that members representing the borough did everything they could to save the historic building.

Councillor Perks said: "It appears to me there is no great will from the council to save the building.

Question

"We need to question the relevant people at the council and see if there is any way around the parking issue."

"The Hippodrome has massive potential and we should do everything we can to get it reopened."

Dudley Zoo director Derek Grove said: "The zoo

has welcomed discussions regarding the use of the zoo's car park but now faces criticism for not agreeing to terms which are impractical and would leave some of our customers with nowhere to park.

"On several occasions this year, we have run out of space on our car park and, as the weather improves, we would expect this to continue, especially on weekends and during school holidays. This is without the additional vehicles that would be attracted to the Hippodrome."

"As far as I am aware the zoo's position has remained open and consistent and we are happy to discuss use of the car park as long as it will not cause damage to our business by preventing use by our own visitors."

Siblings are sent to jail for attacks on bus users

A BROTHER and sister who lashed out at bus users during a 45-minute rampage are behind bars.

Drunken Whitney Maughan assaulted two passengers, including a 16-year-old boy, before attacking two more people at Dudley bus station.

It culminated with a vicious beating, in tandem with her brother James, on a 30-year-old man as he waited for his regular service home after work.

The victim described Whitney, from Barnet Road, Portobello, as being like a 'raging bull' as the pair rained punches on him.

Whitney began swinging punches at the commuter after being told he couldn't provide her with a cigarette. Moments later 22-year-old James weighed in with a flurry of blows before kicking the man in the head and rendering him unconscious against a row of metal seating.

As he was out cold, Whitney even rummaged through his pockets and stole his mobile phone and £40 cash.

A court heard the siblings 'completely lost control'. Police have branded the attacks as 'despicable' and revealed CCTV was used to track them down.

Lashed

The pair had been seen on the 246 Stourbridge bus at around 6pm on March 5 when Whitney lashed out at the teenager before laying into a 30-year-old woman who confronted them.

Shortly after leaving the bus in Dudley, she yanked a 17-year-old girl's hair, scratching her neck, before she and her brother turned their attention to the 30-year-old man in Stand G of the terminus. Neither the man, nor any of the other victims, reported the assaults.

CCTV was circulated among staff from the Safer Travel Partnership. Whitney was identified by a PCSO who had previously challenged the 21-year-old over her behaviour.

West Midlands Police issued an appeal to trace her and on April 13 she handed herself in to Wolverhampton police, while James was interviewed by officers in prison in Manchester where he'd been remanded on other matters.

Whitney admitted four counts of assault and theft and was jailed for 31 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court, while James, previously of Angela Place, Bilston, was handed a two-year jail term for assault.

Pc David Ward said: "This type of behaviour is despicable. They completely lost control — lashing out at people on a whim seemingly just for kicks."



Whitney Maughan – 31-month term



Brother James –two year stretch

Homes project to start next month

A £1.3 million project to convert the former Arcal Lodge care home in Sedgley into new council homes is to get underway this summer.

It is the next stage of a wider £40m scheme to build 300 new properties over the next five years across Dudley borough.

Work will start next month to convert the building into six apartments, along with eight

bungalows. The project is expected to be completed in March 2016.

Construction has also started to build homes on the sites of former council depots at The Walk in Sedgley and at Norfolk Road in Wollaston.

Dudley's housing boss, Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "Dudley Council is committed to providing more council homes to

meet the increasing demand for affordable housing across Dudley borough.

"The new developments will provide attractive new housing options for people with a range of differing needs."

A public meeting was due to take place earlier this week for residents living nearby to hear more about the development and view the plans

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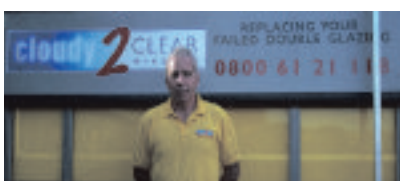
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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



# Protesting will never make a difference

ON my return from holiday this weekend, a border control official at Birmingham Airport scrutinised my passport very carefully, observing that there was still a sticker from a trip to Dubrovnik the previous month. "You need to take that off, it's obsolete," he said abruptly. It's greatly comforting that our border staff are so meticulous. It probably explains why we never have any problems with illegal immigration.

ISN'T it interesting that whenever there is talk of austerity, the police station closures and library cuts are never far away. Yet somehow, the traffic-calming industry always seems to escape the brunt of the brutality. When was the last time you ever heard a local authority announce in sombre tones that there will be no red paint, speed bumps or yellow lines this year because the budget has been cut?

Recently, near where I live, the local authority had the truly bonzer idea of installing a central reservation opposite the bus stop, presumably with the idea that it will slow speeding drivers down.

However, I suspect that 95 per cent of the time the boy racers will still drive very fast, only now they will drive very fast through the bus stop. It is what boy racers do. I doubt if the average baseball cap wearer stops and thinks "the council has changed the road markings, I had better drive like an undertaker."

That said, I am convinced that for the remaining five per cent of the time we will see a marked reduction in road speeds. Particularly when Mr Max Power drives splat bang into the side of the bus.

When they said they wanted an integrated transport policy, I didn't realise they meant quite so closely integrated.

AFTER months of aggravation at the hands of various disgruntled protesters who have decided to take it upon themselves to be offended on behalf of the people of the Black Country, it was good to hear that the latest anti-mosque demo was a bit of a damp squib.

After all the threats of thousands of angry football fans coming to vent their spleen, fewer than 200 actually turned out. But, really, when was the last time anything in Britain was ever changed by folk wandering through a town centre with for sale boards in their hand?

When I was at university, there seemed to be a demo every other week, usually about cuts to student grants or pit closures. And what a difference that made.

What I do remember was how the student magazine would proudly proclaim how many coaches it filled, but strangely they always managed to lose quite a few by the time of the protest itself. Still, I suppose that's the risk you take if you offer free transport to London for the start of the Christmas sales.



Man Utd players' infamous reproach with ref Andy D'Urso



Referee Jack Taylor tries to keep control in the 1974 final



Alex Hamil when he refereed at John Richards' testimonial

# Blowing the whistle on region's rising refs

The role of football ref is not for everyone, but it seems there are more in our region than ever. **ADAM BURLING** reports

**HAVING every decision scrutinised, becoming the target of some less than complimentary chants, fending off groups of players angry at your latest indiscretion.**

Who would be a football referee? Plenty of people, it turns out – and there are now more than ever in the Black Country.

The job has its fair share of pitfalls but the Wolverhampton's referees association has just been named the largest in the UK with 132 members.

And the men in black say the thrill of taking charge of a match – whether it is watched by one man and his dog or thousands of supporters – is the biggest attraction of all.

Wolverhampton and District Referees Association chairman Phil Reade argues the future of the game relies on people being willing to put themselves forward for the thankless task of taking charge of a match.

And though the game in the lower leagues may not have changed dramatically in recent decades, referees at the top level face a whole new set of challenges with the development of technology.

They run out onto the pitch in the knowledge that any mistake will be replayed and dissected by highly paid pundits from the comfort of their TV studio.

But they keep doing it – and hundreds of officials dream of getting the chance to blow the whistle at the country's top matches.

When Premier League referees' judgement comes into question, it is worth remembering that he has worked for at least 10 years to reach that standard. Referees start at the bottom and have to climb the ladder, getting assessed three times every 20 games to step up a level. It takes plenty of determination to make it to level one and lead out some of the world's



Referee John Kyte, from Wombourne, who has officiated 4,600 matches, each one documented

highest paid footballers, but Alan Wiley from Burntwood showed it was possible when he became one of the country's best known officials.

Having his fitness questioned by an irate Alex Ferguson after Manchester United's 2-2 draw with Sunderland in 2009 was a world away from his days in the West Midlands (Regional) League.

Mr Reade, himself a level four official, says only people who love football would put up with the abuse and years of hard work.

The 48-year-old said: "It's a very lonely world when you're a referee. It's you against 22 players but you get used to it and you build up the experience."

"Referees that reach the top have put the hours in on cold Sunday mornings."

"They do it because they love the game, not for the money, and it takes a lot of work to make your way in the game."

Mr Reade qualified as a referee in 1997 but is now stepping back from the sport as he is struggling to fit it around his day job as a postman.

But he is confident the next generation of officials will be better than ever.

"We hope that one day one of our members will make it to the Premier League," he said. "Plenty of them are good enough if they stick at it."

It is unlikely there will be many that will match Wolverhampton-born Jack Taylor's achievements, though, after he refereed the 1974 World Cup Final between West Germany and the Netherlands and famously awarded two penalties in the first 30 minutes.

Tributes poured in from legends including Sir Trevor Brooking when Mr Taylor died aged 82 in 2012 – and it raises questions over whether today's referees would command the

same respect from the current stars. Mr Taylor told his friends that refereeing was easier in his era when there were fewer cameras and less player power.

And the Black Country's longest-serving referee John Kyte said the stars of the 1960s and 70s were more well-mannered.

The 71-year-old chalked up more than 4,600 games during a 54-year odyssey that took him from the Dixon Street playing fields in Parkfields, Wolverhampton, to Anfield and Old Trafford.

He said: "Cloughie was a complete gentleman. I always used to think how well-mannered his teams were. There were some big name players, internationals like Shilton and the rest. But when I would go and inspect their studs they would all lift their legs up without question."

But he insisted this should not put anyone off pursuing a career as referee, as being part of the weekly football ritual can become a way of life.

## Preserve

"Football has been my life," he added. "I just love getting out there and meeting people, going to the different grounds."

Other famous former members of the Wolverhampton association are Alex Hamil, who graced the turf of every stadium in the football league during a 35-year career as an official, and Walter Wakeman who finally hung up his whistle at the age of 80 in 2008.

The WRA started life in 1910 as a sub-association of the Birmingham Referees' Association and branched out on its own a dozen years later.

And Mr Reade is keen to preserve its rich heritage and keep attracting younger members. He said many now realised that refereeing could be a 'job for life', and school pupils as young as 14 are now taking courses as part of a Duke of Edinburgh schemes.

Though the rise of technology and its impact on the game seems unstoppable, he insists there will always be a need for a referee.

"As soon as you put the black uniform on it all changes and the players think: 'We were rubbish today – who can we blame?'" he said.

"But without a referee you haven't got a game."

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## No room for hatred in my home town

IN regards to the article "Threat to bury pig at mosque site", I would like to put a question to the so-called 'Britain First' leader Mr Paul Golding. Exactly who are they showing solidarity with because there seems to be no one in Dudley that wants them here.

The Britain First group say the Quran says one who touches swine is infested and if swine is buried that the ground is infested. Do they not realise that they that touch it are infested too, as per the Bible?

'And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud,

is unclean to you. You shall not eat any of their flesh, and you shall not touch their carcasses' (Leviticus 11:7-8); 'Their flesh you shall not eat, and their carcasses you shall not touch. (Deuteronomy 14:8).

Dudley is my home town. We all get along, Christians, Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, etc. Dudley welcomes anyone regardless of background, race or religion, but there is no room for outsiders that bring hatred. A mosque is a place to worship God.

**FATIMA**  
Brierley Hill

## Churches: use them or lose them

REGARDING church buildings closing, I'm afraid this is largely due to the increased secularism of modern Britain.

Those Christians who regularly attend churches of all denominations care very much about the closure of the buildings in which they worship but the costs of maintaining those buildings becomes prohibitive as congregation numbers fall and income decreases.

The older the building, the greater the costs to meet regulations which were not applicable when they were constructed.

Church buildings are not museums, they exist to provide centres for worship of Our Lord.

It is unfair to expect that taxpayers should maintain them, although many people wish to use the facilities for christenings, weddings and funerals without thought that a faithful few are paying to keep them open.

In summary, the lesson here is use them or lose them!

**J WISE**  
Lower Gornal

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## Invisible illness that causes chronic pain

I WOULD like to bring attention through the Letters page to anyone suffering from Fibromyalgia.

There is an online petition that is aiming for 100,000 signatures to present to the Government and health ministers to make them aware of the need for more recognition, research and funding into this little known and horrendous illness.

I was diagnosed nearly seven years ago and I can honestly say it has spoilt my life. It affects the brain and nervous system and virtually affects every part of the body. Chronic pain is endured on a daily basis with so many other symptoms which could fill this page. It adds up to untold misery.

As we all look OK, in fact most sufferers appear to look fit and well, myself included, we get very little empathy — despite the fact that people with Fibromyalgia have one of the highest suicide rates.

We need all the help we can get and can I suggest to anyone who is struggling with this debilitating illness to reach out to those who understand.

Support groups are a lifeline, you can attend monthly meetings and there is a helpline to keep in touch, so that you don't feel so alone with it all.

There are people who really do know what you are going through.

**J BLAKE**  
Dudley

## Zoo trip was well worth it

DURING half term I took my six-year-old granddaughter for a trip to Dudley Zoo. I did not know what to expect as it has been a long time since my last visit and at that time it was in a very sorry state.

How surprised I was to see what a lot of work has gone into improving its appearance and the facilities.

There are lots of places to sit and watch the animals and to have your picnic or to use the on-site catering. The animals all looked healthy and very well-cared for.

My granddaughter really enjoyed her trip and we spent nearly seven hours there but fatigue set in before we had seen it all, so I anticipate another visit very soon.

For those of you who, like me, remember Dudley Zoo as a dilapidated 1960s zoo I think you will be surprised.

**P HIBBERD**  
Oldbury

## Council quick to take action

IN these days of austerity and limited funding for our councils, people are all too quick to criticise.

I would like to congratulate Dudley Council. On three occasions now I have made contact with the highways department and more recently the street cleansing department, regarding the state of certain roads.

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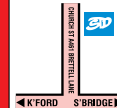
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Dealing with one of the wounded in the woodland surrounding Arnhem in 1944

# Birthday brings back memories of ill-fated Arnhem fight for Tom, 90

HE IS one of the Black Country's last remaining survivors of the ill-fated Battle of Arnhem and he has celebrated his 90th birthday with comrades at the Royal British Legion Club in Willenhall.

It was a bitter sweet experience for Tom Brewin, as the Second World War veteran recalled his memories of the bloody battle fought in and around the small Dutch town in September 1944, and his subsequent capture which saw him held as a PoW for eight months.

Mr Brewin, from Penn, Wolverhampton, is one of the last few living veterans of the ill-fated military operation.

He is the current president of Wolverhampton's Parachute Regiment Association, and on June 2 he was joined by 15 fellow members for a chat and a few points to celebrate his birthday at the Willenhall British Legion base. Although Mr Brewin says the group prefer not to dwell on the

## MEMORY LANE

By Peter Madeley

conflict these days, his memories of his time in the war remain vivid to this day.

Mr Brewin was called up at the age of 18 and after training in Glasgow and Worcester, he was posted to the 2nd Battalion South Staffs Regiment in Christmas 1944, which by that time was already an airborne battalion.

At that time morale among the regiment was low. After taking part in the invasion of Sicily more than 100 troops drowned after being dropped in the Mediterranean one mile from shore.

"Sicily had been a disaster for those that were there. It was almost a relief to go to Arnhem to get away from it all."

It was expected to be a straightforward mission with little opposition from the Nazis, but a very different story unfolded.

The troops landed, via gliders, in a field on the northern side of Wolfhagen.

Their first day, September 17, 1944, was incident-free, but by the following morning it emerged that the Divisional Commander was missing. "He had been taken by the Germans," said Mr Brewin.

"We were supposed to stay and protect the landing zone for the next day's second lift, but the order changed and we were told to find our way to the bridge over the Rhine."

"But the Jerries were very smart at blocking all the approaches to the bridge."

Just 10 days after landing the entire battalion was captured when they became stranded on a river bank in the town of Oosterbeek. "Dawn broke and we were all there on the banks of the river, with no ammo and no food," Mr Brewin continued. "There must have been a good 200 of us."

"We had a choice, pack up or get shot. They surrounded us and marched us all the way to Arnhem to show us off to the Dutch. It was their way of saying they weren't finished yet." The British troops were loaded onto cattle trucks at the railway station.

"They said they'd give us rations for 24

hours for a 17-hour journey, but we were on there for five days," added Mr Brewin. As a PoW, he was mainly based in prison camps in Czechoslovakia. He describes the day of liberation as 'a complete anti-climax'. "It was a strange day. We woke up and all the guards had gone. We presumed they'd just abandoned their posts."

"The Russians came past but they had no food for us. We made it and the Americans looked after us. Within a day we were put on a plane to Belgium and then back to England."

For Mr Brewin getting home to Whitmore Reans was 'a bloody beautiful feeling', but his father Alvin was less than impressed with his wartime endeavours.

"The old chap was in the Coldstream Guards and fought through the Battle of Mons without getting wounded," recalled Mr Brewin. "He called me a 10-day soldier, because that's how long I was over there before being captured!"

In 1949 Mr Brewin married Annie, who is now 91, and the pair had four children.



Tom Brewin with the South Staffs 2nd Battalion in 1943

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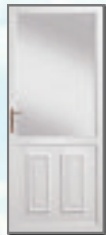
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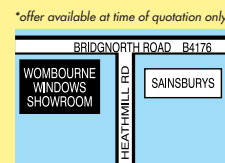
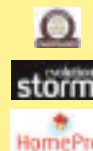
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# Ambulance chiefs are disappointed at decision

## Dave's £10k birthday bonus



**AMBULANCE** service bosses are 'hugely disappointed' after they were turned down in their bid to run the NHS non-emergency helpline.

West Midlands Ambulance Service stepped in to run the 111 service in 2013 after the former organisation NHS Direct pulled out.

The service is run in Staffordshire by Staffordshire Doctors Urgent Care Service. But the ambulance service, along with other bidders, were turned down when they applied to run it elsewhere in the West Midlands.

The health service commissioners said that they 'did not receive a bid that was acceptable and demonstrated value for money and have therefore exercised their right to abandon the procurement process'.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray MacGregor said: "We are hugely disappointed that we have not been awarded a contract to continue providing the 111 service."

### Stability

"This is despite being one of the highest performing 111 providers in the country each week, for many months bringing stability to the system that was previously not there."

"Since we stepped in to take over the service from NHS Direct in November 2013, we have invested considerable time in providing additional training to staff to ensure the service operates safely."

"We have also increased the number of nurses and paramedics which has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of patients being sent to A&E or requiring an ambulance unnecessarily."

"Despite this huge amount of work undertaken by the trust, commissioners have informed us that while the necessary standards were met for quality, we could not agree a price for a service that we felt would be safe or sustainable."

Dr Jonathan Leach, clinical director for NHS 111 said: "There are future plans to further develop the 111 service, integrating with in and out of hours GP services."

**Healthy sum** — roadworker David Maddock, from Kingswinford, couldn't believe his luck when he won £10,000 on the Health Lottery

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the way to work when he decided to

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meant that Mr Maddock scooped the

five-figure prize — just five days

before his 30th birthday.

The roads worker plans to spend

the money on treating his family, a

holiday and maybe new car.

Mr Maddock, of Chandler Drive,

said: "It was the longest two and a

half hours of my life waiting for it to

be confirmed.

"I was scared that something was

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He bought the ticket from Mor-

risons in Stallings Lane, Kingswin-

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AN 'evil' woman who fed her drug habit by preying on an 80-year-old stroke victim has been jailed for two years and eight months.

Amy Sutton escaped with jewellery after tricking her way into the woman's home in Dudley.

The shameless 29-year-old knew that the front door to the flat was left unlocked to allow carers' access, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The woman, who had suffered four strokes in ten years, recognised Sutton and started a conversation during which she revealed where jewellery was hidden.

Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said the vulnerable woman was deliberately targeted. "The defendant was shown where the jewellery was kept. She was in the property for 40 minutes before asking to ring for a taxi, having seen that the phone was next to the drawer which held the jewellery," he added.

Sutton took four chains and a bangle, a haul worth £1,600 which she sold for half that to buy cocaine and heroin. The jewellery, which was not insured, was priceless to the disabled widow who had been given it by her late husband. She told police afterwards: "I did not stop crying for two and a half days. That woman acted as if she was so sweet and charming, when in reality she was the most evil person I have met in my life."

By John Scott

Mr Tim Talbot-Webb, defending, said Sutton's life had been ruined by heroin but she was determined to deal with the addiction. Sutton, of Shadwell Drive, Lower Gornal, had a string of convictions and admitted the March burglary.

When sentencing her, Recorder Mark Rhind who told her: "This is the kind of offence that even the criminal fraternity look down on. When she proudly showed you her jewellery you must have known the huge sentimental importance it held for her."

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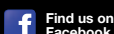


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# 'No fancy dress' edict for new MP

**DANIEL WAINWRIGHT**  
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**Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling**



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**WOULD** a Dudley manifesto help Labour get back in touch with the electorate and win in 2020? Alex Salmond seems to think so.

Labour has belatedly woken up to the realisation that most people in Britain want a referendum on the EU and has dropped its opposition.

Ed Miliband's mealy-mouthed rhetoric was about a referendum only in the event of a transfer of powers to Brussels.

What he appeared to have failed to grasp entirely was how many people felt things have already gone too far.

Whether they have or not is a matter for debate and for renegotiation. But the referendum is long overdue.

## Miffed

Ian Austin, Labour MP for Dudley North, is one of the few who has been saying for many years that a referendum was necessary. He wanted it sooner rather than later.

But in the Commons last week the SNP's Mr Salmond, campaigning against the referendum, suggested Mr Austin had been happily campaigning against it before Labour's election defeat made them think otherwise.

Mr Austin was rather miffed and raised a point of order with Speaker John Bercow to correct the record.

A tickled Speaker replied that Mr Salmond 'wasn't attending closely to election literature in Dudley, his mind

being perhaps focused elsewhere'. Dudley's one place all the parties need to focus their attentions on.

It delivered seven UKIP councillors and its Parliamentary constituencies all saw their incumbents' majorities increase at the General Election – three for the Tories and one for Labour. That suggests a breadth of views and opinions with which to form the next set of manifesto pledges. Alex Salmond can certainly be forgiven for taking little interest in Dudley. The Tories and Labour, not to mention the Greens who have a councillor there, must never take it for granted.

Meanwhile Walsall's David Winnick asked whether the Prime Minister might employ the same choice term once used by John Major for any Eurosceptic rebels in his cabinet. Foreign secretary Philip Hammond

assured him he will not. What term, you ask? How to describe it in a family newspaper... 'a person born of parents not married to each other'.

The spectre of Aidan Burley's attendance at a stag party where the groom wore a Nazi uniform haunted the Tories for much of the last Parliament. But it was laid to rest by the success of Amanda Milling, who held on to Cannock Chase when many would have predicted Labour would win it back.

Ms Milling was welcomed to Westminster in the Commons by the work and pensions secretary Iain Duncan Smith with some wise words: "As she represents Cannock Chase, I will offer her one little bit of advice: She should make sure she does not wear any fancy dress, as this does not help one's prospects."

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## Silence in tribute to ex-member

Kingswinford Ladies

CHAIRMAN Sheila Evans, welcomed all present, including the speaker and two visitors to the June meeting at the Royal British Legion.

She sadly announced former member, Brenda Henderson had passed away. A minute's silence was observed in her memory.

Treasurer Audrey and member Pauline are both very poorly and they were wished a speedy recovery.

Business matters were read and approved. Sheila said £90 had been donated to Teenage Cancer Trust. Val Thacker was congratulated on raising more than £1,000 for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

Arrangements were finalised for the trip in September.

Speaker Mo Emmons works as a pedlar/traveller artist at Harvington Hall and covers the years between 1100 and 1700 AD. Her talk was full of interesting and unusual facts.

Her costume was a dress of that time, made from wool and suitably dirty to keep in character.

She talked about the rich and the poor, taxes and well known sayings which evolved from that era, for example 'daylight robbery' as a result of window tax.

She said that as late as 1920 teeth were taken from dead bodies to make dentures for the rich. Ena gave the vote of thanks and two ladies won a raffle prize.

The next meeting will be on July 2 at 7.45pm.

## Laughter lifts the spirits at luncheon



The ladies, with chairman Janet Emery, front centre, enjoy their summer luncheon

### Cameo Ladies

CAMEO Ladies committee, with chairman Jane Emery, gave a wonderful day at Pat-shull Park again for the summer luncheon.

The room was dressed with bunting and flags on each table.

Luncheon was served, followed by Irish bingo. Comedian Dougie Parker then entertained members with anecdotes and stories of childhood memories.

The laughter outdid the drizzle, lifting spirits to a high ready to complete the day with wartime songs led by soprano Pamela Lane, vice-chairman, assisted by Chris Jones and Janice Beswick on keyboard.

A special raffle was then drawn, arranged

by Elaine Lay with proceeds towards the group's chosen charities for 2015. Members were each given a gift of wine and chocolates in brown bags tied with string (a war effort!) as a memento of the day.

The next meeting is 'Restoration of The Skockholm Islands' with Keith Rowley on Monday, July 6. Meetings held at Mercure Goldthorn Hotel, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, 7.45pm start.

For further information contact 01902 330727 or 01902 844836.

## Advice on climbing and twining

Wall Heath Horticultural Guild

THE June meeting took place with great success once again.

Chairman Amanda Ridney reminded members of the annual show on September 12 at 2.15pm.

She appealed to all those there, both novice and experienced, to enter. A programme is available on request where one can see

possible items to enter. Speaker Howard Drury's subject was, climbing, twining and other wall shrubs. He gave good ideas for the members to take away.

Howard helps to organise many trips and holidays with Ashwood Nurseries

and has visited many gardens in other countries.

These experiences are shared when he speaks to clubs. A vote of thanks was given by Linda Hickman.

On July 7 the subject will be a prize winning small flower garden.

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# Town is looking blooming lovely thanks to volunteers

FLOWERS are being planted in Brierley Hill as volunteers bring floral colour to the town centre.

A team of volunteers have been busy preparing flower pots and beds.

Members of the town's civic society joined traders groups, college students, residents and councillors in the project.

It is the second year that the project to buy and plant flowers to brighten up the town centre has taken place.

Volunteers say it is really gathering pace as they aim to plant flowers in more areas in the town this year.

Students from the Art and Design Centre at Brierley Hill, which is part of Birmingham Metropolitan College, have been helping. Flowers are being planted in pots along Venture Way and at the end of the High Street near the police station.

They have also been put in pots around The Moor Centre and outside the market to brighten the area for shoppers.

Volunteer Shane Bastock, from Brierley Hill Traders Association, said the project is going from strength to strength.

"It is really great that people are helping us with this," he said.

"We are just looking to brighten the town up. I hope that it'll give people the feel good factor."

Volunteers plan to enter the town in the Heart of England In Bloom competition, in which Stourbridge and Halesowen have found success.

Helping with the planting in Venture Way last week were ward councillor Rachel Harris and level two practical horticulture diploma students from the college.



At Brierley Hill campus is, centre, Councillor Rachel Harris with college bosses and horticulture students

# Young man has a fixation with knives

A MAN 'fixated' with knives has escaped being locked up despite being caught in possession of one for the fourth time.

Theo Edmead, aged 20, was with three other youths in Halesowen town centre when approached by police officers on March 27, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

They found he was carrying a lock knife but he said he had been using it earlier in the day while working on his motorcycle and had simply forgotten that it was still in his pocket, said Mr Geoffrey Dann, prosecuting.

Edmead, of Narrow Lane, Halesowen, pleaded guilty to possession of a bladed article and was given eight months detention in a Young Offenders Institution suspended for a year, plus 100 hours of unpaid work and £340 costs.

Recorder Leo Pyle told him: "You have a fixation with knives."

"This is a serious offence even though you were not brandishing the knife. It only needs a moment of anger or a perceived insult for it to be produced."

# Scout hut is targeted yet again by vandals

SCOUT leaders have vowed to raise money to get their base fixed after yobs vandalised it for the third time in a month.

Members of the Dawley Brook Scouts at Kingswinford were left with a hefty bill after vandals smashed the glass on the hut's windows and doors.

The facility, which is within the grounds of the Dawley Brook School in Dawley Avenue, underwent major refurbishment just last year at a cost of £2,000. It has been put out of use until repair work can be paid for.

The group was still reeling from two attacks just weeks earlier when they were hit for a third time.

Scout leaders have been fundraising since the latest attack and are hoping to have enough money to get the hut fixed in the coming weeks.

Leaders had boarded up windows and doors in an effort to protect them but the boards were ripped off by the yobs.

Although they weren't able to get into the hut, which is used regularly by around 100 scouts and guides, they did manage to reach the fire extinguisher which was set off.

## Fence

Scout Leader Dawn Rides said: "The first time they smashed the door and the glass. The next time we put the boarding up but they still managed to break in."

"We think they climbed over the fence to get in, the school has had problems with that."

"Luckily they didn't get



Scout Leader Dawn Rides with some of the vandalism

in, we keep it secure so they can't get in the hut.

"We spent a lot of money last year having the roof done and a new door."

Mrs Rides said she was upset for the children, who haven't been able to use the facility since the last spate of attacks in April.

She said: "This is something for the kids. We have been trying to get them off the streets and give them something to do. It is a shame for the kids."

# Lawyer's quickstep is Strictly impressive

A BLACK Country lawyer did her best to impress Strictly Come Dancing professionals with her quickstep.

Nyree Applegarth, a lawyer with Brierley Hill firm Higgs & Sons, was one of 11 legal professionals taking part in the Strictly nine-to-five event at Villa Park this month.

The fundraiser was hosted by viewers' favourite Anton du Beke and his fellow professional dancer Camilla Dallerup, who won the TV contest in 2008 with actor Tom Chambers, was on the judges' panel.

Nyree undertook 14 weeks of intense training at the Crystal Dance Studios in Dudley to make sure she was prepared for the dance. She said: "It has been really demanding, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it, I definitely feel inspired to carry on dancing beyond the competition."

With her partner Dean Edwards, Nyree danced the quickstep to Dolly Parton's 9 To 5 in the event raising funds for the Child Brain Injury Trust.

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# Charity cricket match becomes darts night

COUNCILLORS and council staff proved they are sporting all-rounders when a charity cricket match turned into a darts competition at the last minute.

The Mayor's cricket match had to be postponed due to rain on Friday evening but the determined council contingent still held a sporty event to raise money.

Rain stopped play before a ball was bowled at Stourbridge Cricket Club but it didn't stop the fundraising as the replacement darts event in the clubhouse raised nearly £750 for the Mayor's five charities, along with an auction, a raffle and donations.

Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho said: "I'm glad that the rain didn't stop the event completely and it was still a great evening with a lot of money raised for five brilliant causes."

The Mayor's five charities are The Hope Centre, Halesowen; The What Centre, Stourbridge; More Mascots Please, Brierley Hill; The Georgina Unit at Russells Hall Hospital; and the West Midland branch of Lupus UK, in Coseley.

The cricket match has now been re-arranged for August 28 at Stourbridge Cricket Club.

## Two raids on High Street businesses in one night

THIEVES stole money and computers after two businesses were targeted in Lye.

Flash in the Pan restaurant and K&K Travel, both in High Street, were both broken into last week. Crooks forced the front doors of both properties. The raids took place overnight and staff arrived the next day to find the damage.

Around £250 was taken from Flash in the Pan while cash and IT equipment was stolen from the travel agents. Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

## Duran Duran home city gig



Duran Duran will be back on home turf for a concert at the Genting Arena in December after the release of their 14th studio album, Paper Gods

BIRMINGHAM'S New Romantic rock icons Duran Duran are coming home to the city's Genting Arena as part of their UK tour later this year.

Singer Simon Le Bon, keyboardist Nick Rhodes, bassist John Taylor and drummer Roger Taylor will be at the NEC's mega venue on December 4 as part of their UK tour to promote their 14th studio album, Paper Gods, which is due for release on September 11.

The new album has been co-produced by Uptown Funk hitmaker Mark Ronson and Chic star Nile Rodgers and features special guests

including Janelle Monáe, former Red Hot Chili Peppers guitarist John Frusciante, Kiesza and Lindsay Lohan. "We've allowed ourselves the time to make music that we can be proud of," said singer Simon Le Bon.

Formed in Birmingham in 1978, Duran Duran went on to sell 100 million records worldwide with international hits including Rio and Hungry Like The Wolf.

Tickets for the December gig go on sale tomorrow (Friday) from 9am at [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com) or call 0844 338 8000.

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# Ricky ready to rock castle at Sounds in the Grounds



The Kaiser Chiefs with Ricky Wilson, front, are ready to rock Warwick Castle this July — picture by Danny North

**RICKY Wilson will be king of the castle when the Kaiser Chiefs headline a weekend of rock, rap and classical music at Warwick Castle next month.**

The Leeds rockers, fronted by The Voice judge and mentor Wilson, will top a three act bill in the grounds of the historic landmark on Friday, July 10.

The band have released five albums over 15 years, including last year's chart-topper Education Education & War. The band's hit singles include Ruby, I Predict A Riot, Oh My God, and Never Miss a Beat.

The Sounds in the Grounds event will also feature rapper and singer-songwriter Professor Green. The 31-year-old from Hackney (real name Stephen Manderson) has had a chart-topping single, Read All About It with Emeli Sandé, and three hit albums including last year's Growing Up in Public.

Opening the show will be 21-year-old London singer Ella Eyre, best known for her hit collaborations as singer on Rudimental's Waiting All Night and with DJ Fresh on Gravity. She co-wrote Sigma and Paloma Faith hit Changing. The winner of the 2014 MOBO award for best newcomer releases debut album Feline this summer and recently released new single Together.

From pop to Proms, it's all change at the castle on Saturday, July 11, with an evening of classical favourites including patriotic favourites such as Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory. The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra will be joined by Irish opera singer Lucy O'Byrne, as The Voice runner-up makes her first festival appearance.

Tickets start at £45 (adults) and £30 (children) for the rock concert with family packages available, and £38 (adults) and £15 (children) for the classical event. For further information see the [www.soundsinthegrounds.com](http://www.soundsinthegrounds.com) website.



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# Psychic and DJ see the funny side at pub gig

A PSYCHIC spirit medium and a hospital radio DJ, both comic characters, will be the star turns on a special night of comedy in Stourbridge tomorrow (Friday).

Ian D Montfort and Ivan Brackenbury are two of the most sought-after turns on the comedy circuit – and both will be at Katie Fitzgerald's in Wollaston for Fitz of Laughter Comedy Club's "Summer Sizzler".

Montfort, from Sunderland, has been described as a "spookily skilful, wonderfully observed and hysterically funny character who contacts dead celebrities with incredible results".

Dressed all in white, he promises to take the audience on a hilarious journey to the other side.

The cheerfully and unashamedly zany Brackenbury will be going out live for the ailing at Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital, where every dedication he plays is "crassly, brilliantly inappropriate".

The pair will be supported on the night by Tom Binns, named Best International Act at the New Zealand International Comedy Festival 2013, while the show will be hosted by resident compere and Black Country lad Wayne Beese, 34.



High spirits — Ian D Montfort



Wayne Beese from Dudley

**Standing**  
Beese started Fitz of Laughter at the Envile Street pub in September last year and said the last weekend show, on Good Friday, had been sold out with standing room only.

"We normally run on the first Thursday of every month, with the focus on showcasing who I think are the best up-and-coming acts on the circuit," Beese said.

"It's gone better than we ever could have imagined, the acts have all been incredible, the audience have loved it and people keep coming back month on month."

"Over the spring and summer we decided to try putting on a few weekend shows with fully professional line-ups. "It was packed for the first one over

Easter, with Rob Deering, and a brilliant show. This one will be just as good, if not better, and I would urge people to snap up tickets."

Tickets for the Summer Sizzler cost £10 in advance or £15 on the door.

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# Muse rocking hard on anti-war album

## ALBUM REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

**DEVONIAN stadium rockers Muse are at their very best when they go over the top... so are very good indeed on seventh studio album *Drones*.**

An anti-militarism concept album (with classic prog rock/Pink Floyd style sleeve), it is full of the kind of Queen-like grand gestures that have made them firm favourites, apparent on the anthemic *Mercy, Defector* and *Revolot*. They also rock very heavy indeed, the spirit of Black Sabbath infusing the swaggering *Psycho* and singer-guitarist Matt Bellamy providing fretwork fireworks on *Reapers*. And if you want epic, how about *The Globalist*, clocking in at ten minutes.

Muse don't cover new territory here but they do what they do very well.

The buzz around London four-piece **Wolf Alice** started more than two years ago with debut single *Fluffy* and gathered pace with support slots for the Manics and others. Some have seemed to write off the outfit fronted by Ellie Rowsell as grunge revivalists before hearing debut LP, *My Love Is Cool*. There's more to them than that.

Opener *Turn To Dust* blends spooky folk with Twin Peaks atmospherics, the funky Foals-like *Bros* looks back at childhood and the intense Pixies influenced *You're A Germ* is a howling condemnation of a sexual predator.

Drummer Joel Amery delivers a dreamy vocal for the haunting pastoral *Swallowtail*, whilst Rowsell gives a light pop vocal for the swirling *Soapy Water*. However, the fearsome *Fluffy* still delivers those grunge dynamics and high-pitched squeals.

**Jason Derulo** covers all bases on



Muse get heavy — Dominic Howard, Matthew Bellamy and Chris Wolstenholme

his album *Everything Is 4*. It opens with a slick double salvo of top-notch R&B/pop songs *Want To Want Me* and *Cheyenne* (you can almost hear him thinking beat that Bruno Mars and Sam Smith).

Nor does he scrimp on the quirky hooks that first got him noticed, *Get Ugly* and *Pull-Up* both have irritatingly catchy effects.

He also scores high with special guest collaborations, enlisting rising star Meghan Trainor on pop gem *Painkiller*, Jennifer Lopez on *Try Me* and both Stevie Wonder (for his harmonica) and Keith Urban on the funky/bluesy *Broke*. He's actually eclipsed by Julia Michaels' power vocal performance in the duet *Trade Hearts*.

This album is full of potential hit singles, you could soon be hearing a lot of *Love Me Down* and *X2CU*.

The superstar from Florida is due to play Birmingham's Barclaycard Arena on January 30, 2016.

No one else sounds like *Everything*, due to Jonathan Higgs' rapid-fire often falsetto vocals (in normal register he reminds me of Tom

Robinson and Julian Cope). Their frenetic, restless pop/rock is distinctive, amusing, bizarre and appealing on third album *Get To Heaven*.

Highlights include *Distant Past*, reminiscent of Danish popsters Junior Senior, the disco shuffle of *Get To Heaven*, the portentous *Fortune 500*, the rap and wailer *Blast Doors*, as gorgeously outlandish as Billy McKenzie's Associates, and the Philip Glass influenced euphoric *Zero Pharaoh*.

London band **Gengahr** make an impressive debut with *A Dream Outside* and it's a real grower. The psych indie outfit have a sound built around falsetto vocals by Felix Bushe and John Victor's exciting guitar motifs.

Moody surf instrumental *Dark Star* robs the album of its momentum midway but there are plenty of stand-out tracks including the woozy new single *Heroine* and plaintive *Bathed In Light*. Check them out if you like Bombay Bicycle Club and/or Tame Impala.

After supporting The Maccabees in May, Gengahr have a gig in their own right at the Hare And Hounds in Kings Heath on October 12.

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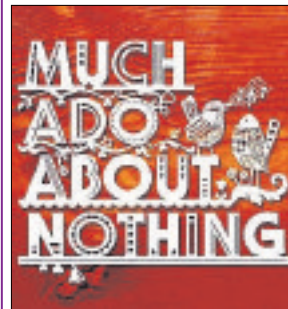
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# Back to the 60s at miniskirt musical



More than 40 hits from pop's greatest decade feature in Dreamboats and Miniskirts at the Grand next week

A SENSATIONAL 1960s jukebox musical will get audiences bopping in their seats at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre when Dreamboats and Miniskirts swings onto the stage on Tuesday for a five-day run.

The sequel to hit musical Dreamboats and Petticoats, it is again written by the top TV team of Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, duo behind Birds of a Feather, Shine on Harvey Moon and Goodnight Sweetheart.

Dreamboats and Petticoats became a musical phenomenon, playing to more than two million people across the UK. The musical was inspired by Universal's multi-million selling albums of vintage hits which now boasts seven double compilation albums and a myriad of special releases.

The creative team reunite to update the story to 1963, as the success of bands like The Beatles inspire Bobby and Laura to have one more shot at

stardom as we catch up with their mates, as teenagers turn into adults with new roles and responsibilities.

But the story is secondary to more than 40 great pop songs from the era delivered by a beehived and Mod-clothed cast of all-action performers.

Bill Kenwright's touring production has been getting enthusiastic reviews across the country and now it's Wolverhampton's turn to Hippy Shake with the best of them.



## Frozen star is hottest ticket

BROADWAY and movie star Idina Menzel opens her UK tour at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday and there will not be a spare seat in the house for the Tony Award-winner's eagerly-awaited concert.

She was most recently heard as Elsa in Disney's global box office smash Frozen, in which she sings the film's Oscar-winning song Let It Go (the pop version was sung by Demi Lovato).

Menzel earned her first Tony nomination in the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical Rent and then won the award for her performance as Elphaba in Wicked, a role she played in New York, London and San Francisco.

The Long Island-raised singer's other best known roles include Rachel Berry's mother, Shelby Corcoran, on the hit television show Glee as well as starring opposite Susan Sarandon and Amy Adams in Disney's Enchanted. This year she presented the Oscar for Best Original Song and will be starring in the musical If/Then in America.

"Most of the songs are from shows that I've been in, and then other music I want to explore," Menzel says of her tour. "Although Let It Go is my only hit radio song in my career, I sort of consider songs like Defying Gravity and songs from Rent to be my other hit songs. My barometer for that is if I can put the microphone out and the audience can sing every word, then that's my hit song."

Her recent albums have included the original Broadway cast recording of If/Then and Live: Barefoot at the Symphony.

### Face to face with Bowie's producer

ROCK producer Tony Visconti is coming to Birmingham with special guests to perform one of the favourite albums he worked on, David Bowie's The Man Who Sold The World.

The title song, a hit for Lulu and later Nirvana, came from Bowie's third studio album and its band was the nucleus of Ziggy Stardust's Spiders From Mars.

The American, who also produced artists ranging from T Rex to Morrissey and Kaiser Chiefs, says it is long overdue that the album be performed in full live. He is enlisting Marc Almond, Heaven 17's Glen Gregory and original Spiders drummer Woody Woodmansey for the gig at the O2 Academy on June 29.

### European festival transforms The Rep

BE Festival, Birmingham's festival of European theatre, returns to Birmingham Repertory Theatre from June 23 to 27.

The festival's unique format gives the audience the opportunity to see four 30-minute long shows each night and eat dinner with performers in the interval.

This year's Be Festival spans five days and features 20 shows from nine European countries. The festival turns Birmingham Rep back-to-front, transforming the theatre's vast new workshop into a hub complete with lounge, bar and exhibition space.

Passes are available with or without dinner. See [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk) for details.

### Canine eyes up the main trance

BILSTON rock and blues venue The Robin 2 hosts one of its strangest shows on Monday when Princess the Hypnodog, the mesmerising mutt who apparently hypnotised Simon Cowell on Britain's Got Talent, has a comedy hypnotism show with handler Krystyna Lennon.

Tickets cost £16 on the door, or a pound less in advance from the Mount Pleasant venue, to see the canine Svengali. Go to [www.the-robin.co.uk](http://www.the-robin.co.uk) or call 01902 401211.

Other acts coming up include ska veterans Bad Manners with Max Splodge on Saturday and Canadian blues singer Layla Zoe and her band on Sunday.



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# No whining over this bar, it's the One for good food and friendly service

**IT'S very rare that I am not rushing from work to review a show or concert in Birmingham.**

So when one popped up on a Sunday evening I decided to make a day of it. A bit of retail therapy followed by a bit of wine therapy – perfect.

As the show was at the Symphony Hall the obvious eating choice was BrindleyPlace and it just so happened that a week or two earlier I had had an email on the Discover Wine Campaign at All Bar One, just over the canal bridge. As a wine lover this was just too good an opportunity to miss.

This stylish city bar, which recently had a major refurb, specialises in cocktails and runs its own cocktail-making classes – but more on that later. There is a large outside eating area but we opted for inside and were shown to our corner seat by a very friendly

**By Sue Attwater**

and helpful waiter called Bob. Menus already on the table, we very quickly decided to go for the 'small plates'. They advise five between two at a total cost of £26 – very good value at just £13 each for a share of actually very generous taster portions.

We opted for beetroot cured salmon gravdax with goat's curd and apple, coriander, za'atar spice mix and tzatziki, slow cooked pork with creamed potato, apple and vanilla ketchup and pork crackling, Szechuan-coated crispy calamari, with red chilli and served with wasabi dip, ginger teriyaki chicken skewers with pickled vegetables and sesame seeds and wild Patagonian prawns in garlic, chilli and lemon with grilled rosemary focaccia.

All very tasty and very well presented. The bar holds regular events including a

wine of the month and although the cocktails prove very popular with the young as we are now, how can I put it, a little more mature we do like a drop of wine.

Luckily for us the wine event was still running. It was due to end the middle of June but look out for it if it comes around again. It is definitely worth it.

## Experience

So before our food arrived we were joined by team leader Shaun who took us through the different wines, and there were a lot of them! We were shown how to pick up the aromas and which wines went best with each of the dishes. Although young, Shaun has a wealth of experience in this field, some of it picked up on cruise ships.

We started with the white wines and after a while I was managing to pick out the different aromas but still had no idea of the

region. Then we moved on to our favourite, red wine, by which time I must admit I was probably getting a little bit tipsy.

Shaun advised to drink water between the different samples to clear out palate so at least the wine was being 'watered down' – after all I did have a show to review!

On to dessert and as I have a very sweet tooth I went for the chocolate, orange and mascarpone mousse cake. Delicious, the calorie count was on the menu but I didn't even bother checking. My husband went for lemon torte with raspberry sorbet.

Cocktails are very popular with the young and cocktail making classes are a big attraction. They cost £20 and include three cocktails. All Bar One is a perfect place to eat out or pop for a drink after work. And if you are going to the ICC, Barclaycard Arena the one at Waters Edge, BrindleyPlace is perfectly placed.



Enjoy a selection of different dishes

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CHOICE



Reggie Yates

**Prized Apart (BBC1, 7pm)**  
Adventure game show, presented by Emma Willis and Reggie Yates. The remaining nine couples battle it out for the chance to win a life-changing prize, as one member of each couple takes part in a series of challenges on location in Morocco, while the other is based at Farnborough airport, ready to answer a series of questions to potentially save their partner, should they find themselves in the bottom three and in danger of being eliminated. In this show, the challenges include a race through the sand dunes of the Sahara Desert, with the lowest-ranked three contestants flown back to their studio partners in the UK.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast. 10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Box. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Live coverage of the semi-finals on the sixth day at the Queen's Club in London. **4.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.30** Formula 1 – Austrian Grand Prix: Qualifying Highlights. Suzi Perry presents action from the battle for pole position from the eighth round of the season at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg. **6.45** BBC News. **6.55** Regional Programme. **7.00** **Prized Apart.** Adventure game show, presented by Emma Willis and Reggie Yates. The remaining nine couples battle it out for the chance to win a life-changing prize. **8.05** **The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins.** Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. **8.55** **Casualty.** Dixie tries to help a mother, Suzy, who is grieving for her baby, but soon suspects that she has abducted another one to replace her own. Hospital drama, starring Jane Hazlegrove. **9.45** **The John Bishop Show.** The comedian presents another evening of entertainment, recorded at the Hackney Empire theatre in London, including music by the Vaccines and the Overtones, stand-up routines by Jimeoin, Tanyalee Davis and Hal Crutenden, and a performance by Spark Fire Dance. Plus, Vikki Stone sings an ode to Professor Brian Cox. **10.30** BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.50** **Not Going Out.** Lucy decides she wants to have a baby, but is surprised to find the whole family taking a personal interest in the conception. Lee Mack, Sally Bretton and Katy Wix star. (R) **11.20** **Room 101 – Extra Storage.** Frank Skinner welcomes German comedian Henning Wehn, West End star Michael Ball and actress-presenter Caroline Quentin to discuss their pet hates. (R) **12.00** **Film:** The Rookie. (2002) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

**7.55** **Film:** The Happiest Days of Your Life. (1950) Comedy, starring Alastair Sim. **9.15** Animal Park. (R) **9.45** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.00** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.00** Live Abolition: European Team Championships. Day one from Central Stadium in Chobokary, Russia. **5.30** Ocean Queens: The Story of Cunard. **6.00** **Gardeners' World.** Joe Swift continues his mission to find the perfect hanging basket and Carol Klein visits one of the country's most beautiful gardens to find out why their borders work so well. (R) **6.30** **Edwardian Farm.** December arrives and the hardships of winter take their toll on Alex Langlands, Peter Ginn and Ruth Goodman. As the traditional livelihood methods dry up, the men travel to the coast to embark on sea fishing, while Ruth has to look for domestic service work at a grand Edwardian stately home. (R) **7.30** **Japan: Earth's Enchanted Islands.** Michelle Dockery narrates an exploration of the Ryukyu Islands in south-west Japan, revealing unexpected stories of isolation, unique wildlife and unsolved mysteries. (R) **8.30** **Dad's Army.** The platoon defends headquarters in an exercise against members of the Highland Regiment. Classic episode from 1969, starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier. (R) **9.00** **La Traviata: Love, Death and Divas.** Amanda Vicary and Tom Service look at the story behind the opera's opening night in London in 1856, and its scandalous heroine, whose life and death were based on real-life events. **10.00** **Mock the Week.** Topical comedy quiz show, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R) **10.35** **Film: Hamlet 2.** (2008) A failed actor-turned-drama teacher directs his students in a spectacular self-written musical sequel to Shakespeare's tragedy. Comedy, starring Steve Coogan and Catherine Keener. **12.00** **The Many Faces of Robbie Coltrane.** (R) **1.00** **Film:** Good Hair. (2009) **2.30** Sign Zone: Watchdog. (R) **3.30** Rip Off Britain: Food. (R) **4.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **8.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **8.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.40** Tipping Point. (R) **2.40** 1000 Heartbeats. (R) **3.35** **Film:** The Lost World: Jurassic Park. (1997) Dinosaur adventure sequel, with Jeff Goldblum. **6.00** **Regional Programme;** Weather. **6.15** **ITV News;** Weather. **6.30** **You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy meets slapstick as Harry Hill narrates a selection of videos filmed by viewers, including a feline performance of Wuthering Heights and the International Toddler Throwing Championship. Plus, a man who speaks sea-lion and a crow that hates cashmere. (R) **7.00** **Film: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.** (2005) The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogswarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three other magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson and Robert Pattinson. **10.00** **ITV News;** Weather. **10.10** **Film: Raw Deal.** (1986) A former FBI agent is offered reinstatement if he can infiltrate the Chicago Mob and bring a killer to justice. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Kathryn Harrold. **12.10** **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences. (R) **3.40** **ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

**6.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.30** Ironman 70.3 Staffordshire. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** **FIM Superbike World Championship.** **8.00** Royal Ascot: The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Rude(ish) Tube. **1.30** Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing. Clare Balding and Nick Luck present live coverage of the fifth and final day of the festival, featuring races at 2.30, 3.05, 3.40, 4.20, 5.00 and 5.35. **6.00** **Couples Come Dine with Me.** Three couples from south Wales compete for the £1,000 prize, featuring a Welsh-themed evening, a series of personal revelations and a night of extravagance. (R) **6.40** **Channel 4 News.** **7.00** **Walking Through History.** Tony Robinson embarks on expeditions through some of Britain's most historic landscapes in search of the richest stories from the nation's past. He begins with a 40-mile walk along the Derwent Valley in the Peak District, where the world's industrial revolution was born. (R) **8.00** **Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages.** New series. Penelope Keith explores British villages, finding out about their traditions, and also how their way of life is being threatened, beginning with a trip to East Anglia. **9.00** **Film: Rush.** (2013) Premiere. The 1976 Formula One Championship season is dominated by a fierce rivalry between two contrasting racers, as daredevil British driver James Hunt and methodical Austrian defending champion Niki Lauda put their lives on the line to outdo each other on the track. Fact-based drama, starring Chris Hemsworth, Daniel Brühl and Olivia Wilde. **11.25** **Film: Basic Instinct.** (1992) A hard-drinking cop investigating a murder case lets his feelings for the sultry and manipulative chief suspect cloud his judgement. Thriller, with Sharon Stone and Michael Douglas. **1.50** Royal Ascot Highlights. **2.20** Hollywoods. (R) **4.30** The Renovation Game. (R) **5.20** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Access. **10.40** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **11.40** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **12.40** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **1.45** **Film:** Columbo: Publish or Perish. (1974) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) **4.10** **GP's:** Behind Closed Doors. (R) **5.10** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **6.05** **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** High Court enforcement officers Paul, Steve and Ben make a shocking discovery when they break into a home while serving an eviction notice on a single mother and her two children. (R) **7.00** **Cricknet on 5.** England v New Zealand. Action from the final one-day international of the five-match series, held at the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground. **7.55** **5 News Weekend.** **8.00** **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** Documentary following the inhabitants of the seaside village of Jaywick in Essex, where more than half of the residents are on state welfare. Tony Taylor claims £51.40 a week and does odd jobs in exchange for food, enabling his benefits money to go a bit further, while Claire has moved from east London's Canning Town in search of a better life with her fiancé Luke, their young baby and her two older children, who live with a host of pets in a two-bedroom house. (R) **9.00** **Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole.** The documentary examining the lives of unemployed people visits Hull, which has one of the highest unemployment rates and lowest average weekly wages in the UK. (R) **10.00** **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary-room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. **11.00** **Autopsy: The Last Hours of Brittany Murphy.** Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the actress in December 2009, uncovering evidence of a paranoid personality fuelled by prescription drugs. (R) **12.00** **SuperCasino.** **3.10** Big Brother. **4.00** **Person of Interest.** (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.45** Top Gear **8.45** Match of the Day Live: Women's World Cup. **11.00** Family Guy **1.15** Him & Her: The Wedding **3.40** Jenny Bede: AAA **4.00** Close **BBC Four**  
**7.00** Sounds of the Sixties **7.30** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World 2015 **9.00** **Film:** King of Devil's Island (2010) **10.50** Ultimate Number 1s at the BBC **11.50** Play it Loud: The Story of the Marshall Amp **12.50** Prince: A Purple Reign **1.50** Disco at the BBC **2.50** Sounds of the Sixties **3.20** Close **ITV2**  
**11.05** **Film:** Babe: Pig in the City (1998) **12.55** **Film:** The Perfect Man (2005) **3.00** The Hot Desk: Stereo Kicks **3.15** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **4.40** **Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **6.50** **Film:** The Man (2006) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** **Film:** The Back-up Plan (2010) **12.10** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.40** Love Island **1.35** Crazy Beaches **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen **ITV3**  
**12.35** Inspector Morse **2.55** Lewis **4.50** **Film:** Columbo: Any Old Port in a Storm (1973) **6.55** Doc Martin **7.55** Foyle's War **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.00** Wire in the Blood **1.30** Judge Judy **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping **ITV4**  
**11.10** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **12.10** Gunsmoke **1.15** **Film:** The Far Country (1954) **3.15** **Film:** The Horse Soldiers (1959) **5.45** **Film:** Fastest (2011) **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **9.00** **Film:** On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) **11.55** **Film:** The Boat That Rocked (2009) **2.30** Highway Patrol **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **E4**  
**1.00** Baby Daddy **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **2.00** Made in Chelsea 100th Episode Special **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** **Film:** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **5.50** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** **Film:** Predators (2010) **11.10** Gogglebox **1.20** How I Met Your Mother **2.20** Broke Girls **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Rules of Engagement **4.20** Jane the Virgin **5.05** Suburgatory **Film4**  
**11.00** California Man (1992) **1.00** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (2009) **3.50** The Andromeda Strain (1971) **6.25** Iron Man (2008) **9.00** Kingdom of Heaven (2005) **12.45** The Bay (2012) **2.25** Bruno (2009) **4.00** Close

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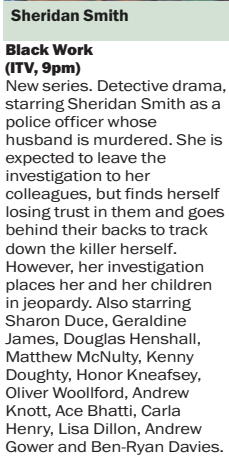
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## DIGITAL



**7.00 Breakfast.** **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.00** BBC News. **1.15** Prized Antiques. **2.00** Britain It Like Britain. **2.50** Homes Under the Hammer. **3.20** Escape to the Country. **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. **5.05** Formula 1 – Austrian Grand Prix. Highlights.

**6.35** BBC News.

**7.50** **Regional Programme.**

**8.00** **Yorkshire.** The team visits East Yorkshire, where Ellie Harrison helps the RSPB catch seabird numbers. John Craven, Bill Bailey and Naomi Wilkinson launch this year's photographic competition. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team return to Tredgare House near Newport. Among the finds are a locket that was a gift from Queen Victoria, a device for treating tattoos, a classic car and a cigar cutter commemorating the opening of the Newport transporter bridge. Last in the series.

**9.00** **Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.** Strange is determined to learn the secrets of fairy magic so he can restore Arabella. Believing in madness is the key to accessing the fairy world, he seeks a way to drive himself insane. However, the Gentleman does not take kindly to the intrusion into his domain and unleashes a terrible curse to stop him. Norrell's determination to maintain control of all magic in England costs him dearly when the government turns against him, and he must offer up Stephen as a means to escape from the Gentleman's clutches.

**10.00** BBC News.

**10.20** **Regional Programme.**

**10.30** **Live at the Apollo.** Rich Hall hosts the stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo, doing his own thing before introducing routine acts Mark Watson and Andrew Maxwell. (R)

**11.15** **My Big Beautiful Wedding Dress.** Documentary meeting Jo and Alison, best friends and owners of a boutique bridal shop in Essex that specialises in wedding dresses for plus-size women. (R)

**12.15** Weather for the Week Ahead.

**12.25** BBC News.

**7.00** The Big Allotment Challenge. (R)  
**7.00** Countryfile. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Greatest Gardens. **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen. **10.00** The Box. (R)  
**11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** The Olympic Journey: Born Winners. (R) **12.30** Live Athletics: European Team Championships. Day two from the Cardiff Stadium in London. **1.00** Rugby. **2.00** Tennis from Queen's. The AEGON Championships. Live coverage of the final at the Queen's Club in London which was won by Grigor Dimitrov last year. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **3.00** The Great British Bake Off. **4.00** The Great British Bake Off. Michael Baggott wave antiques in London. (R)  
**6.02 Film: The Sorcerer's Apprentice.** (2010) A wizard living secretly in modern-day New York vows to prevent his mystical enemy from taking over the city. Reeking that he is unable to complete the task alone, he recruits an ordinary teenager to be his assistant, teaching him to master the magical arts. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Jason Bateman, Rachel and Alfred Molina.  
**8.00 Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure.** Ed Byrne and Dara O Briain head into Guatemala as they continue their road trip, visiting Lake Atitlan to pay their respects to the recently-deceased explorer, exploring the ancient colonial city of Antigua and scaling the nearby active volcano Pacaya. (R)  
**9.00 The BBC at War.** Part two of two. Jonathan Dimbleby reveals how the BBC's coverage of the war provided information to resistance groups, and tells the stories of reporters working with military units during D Day.  
**10.00 Film: Blood.** (2012) Premiere. Two policeman brothers living in Los Angeles of the 1970s. Their reputation are consumed with paranoia after committing a crime. Thriller, with Paul Bettany and Brian Cox.  
**11.30 The Clare Blaire Show.** World Snooker champion Ronnie O'Sullivan, Olympic heptathlon champion Denise Lewis and England bowler Graeme Swann join Clare in the sports magazine chat show. Last in the series. (R)  
**12.00 Match of the Day Live: Women's World Cup.** A last-16 game (Kick-off 12.30pm) between the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland.  
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**7.00** **CITV:** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Canine Cops: The Case of the Missing Boyard Ultimate Challenge. (R) **8.25** **ITV News:** **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** **ITV News:** Weather. **12.35** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **1.35** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **1.45** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **1.55** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.00** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.05** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.10** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.15** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.20** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.25** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.30** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.35** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.40** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.45** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.50** **ITV News:** Weather. (R) **2.55** **ITV News:** Weather. 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**05** **Cycling.** (The London Nodcune 2015) **(R)** **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup.

**7.30** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **7.55** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.30** **The Simpsons.** (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch.** **12.30** **The Simpsons.** (R) **1.00** **The Simpsons.** (R) **1.30** **The Simpsons.** (R) **2.00** **The Simpsons.** (R) **2.30** **The Simpsons.** (R) **3.00** **The Simpsons.** (R) **3.30** **The Simpsons.** (R) **4.00** **The Simpsons.** (R) **4.30** **Film:** Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief. (2010) A teenager learns he is the son of Greek god Poseidon, and finds himself in the middle of a demigod war in the Greek underworld. Fantasy adventure, starring Logan Lerman.

**6.40** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.00** **Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild.** Kevin travels to the foothills of the Andes in Chile to meet a family of five from south London who quit the daily grind to build a life in the shadow of an active volcano. (R)

**8.00** **Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year 2015.** New series, George Clarke presents this year's competition. The first episode features normal sheds, which include a miniature house, a road, a school, and an observatory with a retractable roof and advanced telescope, a shed that doubles as a boat and a home cinema that is also home to a collection of movie memorabilia. The second also includes sheds that over some environmentally friendly buildings, including a shed shaped like an owl, a giant hand building, a geodesic dome and a building made entirely out of mud.

**9.00** **News.** George is assigned to meet a new woman who has stood up to Laura, feels threatened by Anita, and Fred is held captive in Hobb's facility, which leads him to fear for the human race. Sci-fi drama. Starring William B. Davis, Patricia Richardson, Katherine Parkinson.

**10.00** **Film:** *I, Robot.* (2004) A detective is convinced a robot has killed its creator, even though it has been programmed never to harm humans. Sci-fi thriller, starring Will Smith, Bruce Campbell, Keanu Reeves, Bridget Fonda, Anthony.

**12.15** **Rude Tube.** (R) **1.10** **Film:** Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo. (1999) **2.40** **Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners.** (R) **3.35** **The Renovation Game.** (R) **4.30** **SuperScrimers.** (R) **4.35** **Deal or No Deal.** (R) **5.30** **The Common Denominator.** (R) **5.55** **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bonafas in Pyjamas. **(R)** **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. **(R)** **6.35** Pipi the Monkey. **(R)** **6.45** The Big Fish Show. **(R)** **6.55** Milkshake! The Big Fish Show. **(R)** **7.00** Milkshake! The Big Fish Show. **(R)** **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey. **(R)** **7.15** Roobard and Custard Too. **(R)** **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. **(R)** **7.35** Paw Patrol. **7.50** Little Princess. **(R)** **8.00** Wanda and the Animals. **(R)** **8.10** Backyard Quack. **(R)** **8.20** Top of the Melling Circus. **(R)** **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. **8.45** Jelly Jamm. **(R)** **9.05** LazyTown. **(R)** **9.30** Dora and Friends. **(R)** **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Chinese New Year. **11.00** Ultimate Police Interceptors. **(R)** **11.50** Ultimate Police Interceptors. **(R)** **12.50** Police Interceptors. **(R)** **1.45** Police Interceptors. **(R)** **2.45** Film: Are We Done Yet? **(R)** **2.50** Comedy sequel, starring *Ice Cube*. **3.40** Film: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. (1996) Disney animation, with the voices of Tom Hulse and Demi Moore.  
**7.10** **Film: Monster-in-Law.** (2005) An unlucky-in-love woman thinks she has finally landed on her feet when she meets the new boss at her firm. However, his meddling mother proves to be an overprotective nightmare who is adamant the would-be bride is Miss Wrong and hatches a plan to drive her away. *Jennifer Lopez* and *Jane Fonda*.  
**7.55** **5 News Weekend.**  
**8.00** **Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** Dave Spikey and Ellie Taylor introduce one final compilation of animal antics, turning the spotlight back on to the hilarious hijinks of pet animals. *Presented by* resident animal behaviourist Professor Peter Neville on hand to explain the science behind the comic clips. Last in the series. **(R)**  
**8.15** **Big Brother.** Marcus Bentley carries a round of the highlights, including the latest round of nominations and the announcement of who is up for eviction on Friday night.  
**10.00** **Film: The Other Guys.** (2010) Two desk-bound incompetent cops get the chance to be heroes when they stumble across a tycoon's illegal activities. Action comedy, starring *Will Ferrell* and *Mark Wahlberg*.  
**12.10** Manchester's Gang Wars. Exposed. **1.10** SuperCarso. **3.10** The Big Fish Show. **(R)** **4.25** Make It Big. **(R)** **5.45** Angels of Arm (R)

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **7.30** Top Gear  
**8.30** Match of the Day: Live: Women's  
 World Cup. A last 16 game (Kick-off:  
 9.00pm) **9.00** The 100th Anniversary  
 of American Dad: 12.05 Family Guy **12.30**  
 Festivals, Sex & Suspicious Parents **1.30**  
 Russell Howard's Good News **2.30** Great  
 TV Mistakes **3.00** Where Am I Sleeping  
 Tonight? **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** BBC Cardiff Singer of the World  
 1991: The Final **9.30** Just a Dandelion  
 Conversation with Richard Eyre **10.30**  
 Film: Iris (2001) **12.30** Glastonbury  
 Golden Records **1.00** Festivals Britannia  
**2.30** Nile Rodgers: The Hitmaker **3.30**  
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**ITV2**  
**1.45** Take Me Out **12.55** Take Me Out –  
 The Gossip **1.45** The Hot Desk: Alesha  
 Dixon **1.55** Film: Music and Lyrics (2007)  
**4.00** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **5.55**  
 Love Island **6.55** Film: Legally Blonde 2:  
 Red, White and Blonde (2003) **9.00** Love  
 Island **10.00** Film: The Celestine (2012)  
**11.50** Top Gear: More Favourite Tractors  
**12.50** Love Island **1.10** Topally Bonkers  
 Guinness World Records **2.15**  
 Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**  
**11.25** Film: Columbo: Any Old Port in a  
 Storm (1973) **1.30** Wildlife: 2.50 Caroline  
 and the Big Game (1993) **3.00** Wildlife: 1953)  
**6.50** Inspector Morse **9.00** Bertie  
 Quinton's National Parks **10.00** The Little  
 House **11.05** Film: The Human Stain  
 (2003) **1.15** Blue Murder **2.30** Wildlife  
**3.30** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

**ITV4**  
**1.40** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights  
**12.15** Pawn Stars **3.00** Film: Destry Rides  
 Again (1939) **4.55** Film: The Far Country  
 (1954) **7.00** Pawn Stars **8.00** Cycling:  
 Women's Tour Highlights **9.00** Film: The  
 Deer Hunter (1978) **12.40** Film: Smokin'  
 Aces (2007) **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4  
 Nightscreen **3.30** Nightscreen

**E4**  
**12.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.00** Film:  
 The Addams Family (1991) **8.00** The Big  
 Bang Theory **10.00** Gogglebox **12.10** The  
 Goldbergs **1.10** Tattoos After Dark **2.10**  
 Virtually Famous **3.00** Takeaway **2.50** How  
 I Met Your Mother **3.40** Takeaway

**Film4**  
**11.00** Escape from the Planet of the Apes  
 (1971) **1.10** Johnny English Reborn  
 (2011) **3.35** Porridge (1979) **5.00** Leap  
 Year (2010) **7.00** Drilbit Trainy (2008)  
**9.00** Enemy at the Gates (2001) **11.40**  
 The Assassination of Velasco (2008) **1.40**  
 Whisper of the Heart (1995) **4.00** Close

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FILM CHOICES

**MONDAY**  
**A Man for All Seasons, BBC2, 3.15pm**  
Henry VIII's decision to divorce Catherine of Aragon leads to a clash with the Roman Catholic Church and his own lord chancellor Sir Thomas More. To force his will, the king declares himself the supreme head of the Church of England and demands More's approval – but when he fails to get it, he puts his former adviser on trial for his life. Oscar-winning adaptation of Robert Bolt's history play, with Paul Scofield. (1966)

**TUESDAY**  
**Sparkle, BBC1, 11.50pm**  
A Liverpoolian travels to London and ends up landing a job in the PR business. Sleeping with his female boss gives his career a welcome boost – but things become complicated when he falls for her daughter. Meanwhile, his pub singer mother also finds romance. Comedy drama, starring Shaun Evans, Stockard Channing, Bob Hoskins and Lesley Manville. (2006)



Fallen, Friday, BBC1, 11.55pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
**The 19th Wife, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
Premiere. The wife of a member of a polygamous cult is accused of killing her husband, leaving it up to her excommunicated son to prove her innocence. Drama, starring Chyler Leigh, Matt Czuchy and Patricia Wettig. (2010)

**THURSDAY**  
**Garage Sale Mystery II: All That Glitters, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
Premiere. Bargain hunter-cum-amateur sleuth Jennifer investigates when the owner of a storage unit is murdered, hours after an auction. Crime drama, starring Lori Loughlin. (2014)

**FRIDAY**  
**Fallen, BBC1, 11.55pm**  
A detective investigates a series of grisly murders that mimic the handiwork of an executed serial killer. The case takes a stranger twist when he realises a bloodthirsty disembodied demon is responsible – and that it can leap from one unsuspecting host to another. Supernatural thriller, starring Denzel Washington, John Goodman, Donald Sutherland and Embeth Davidtz. (1998)

Kicking off the musical extravaganza in style

So why aren't you at Glasto this year? Perhaps you didn't fancy running the risk of getting up to your knees in mud, sharing the infamous portable toilets with 175,000 other people, or not washing properly for the best part of a week.

Or maybe you did want to go, but postponed it for another year; or were one of the unlucky thousands who just didn't manage to secure one of the prized festival tickets.

Well fear not, non-campers, the BBC is pulling out all the stops again this year to take viewers right to the heart of one of the biggest events in the global music calendar.

Presented for the first time under the BBC Music umbrella, this year audiences can hear the music and see what's exactly going on over three days at Worthy Farm in Somerset, from the big headline acts on the main stages, through to new and emerging talent.

Some of the BBC's best-known faces will deliver unparalleled coverage across TV, radio and digital platforms from six stages, including the BBC Introducing stage, starting

tonight (Friday) and continuing right through until after the final headlines finish on the Sunday evening.

It all kicks-off when The One Show's Chris Evans and Alex Jones present their usual show live from Glastonbury.

Then over on BBC Two, traditionally the home of the big headline acts, Lauren Laverne, Jo Whaley, and Mark Radcliffe, present coverage of the opening night's acts, culminating with the headline set by the Foo Fighters on the Pyramid Stage.

Greg James and Clara Amfo will be providing a younger perspective over on BBC Three, with headlines Rudimental being broadcast from the Other Stage later that night.

Throughout the weekend viewers can expect to see classic and contemporary acts on BBC Four, including Florence + The Machine and Paloma Faith.

Extended highlights of over performances from the Pyramid, Other, John Peel, West Holts and BBC Introducing stages will be available to watch on demand following the event.

As always this year's line-up has caused some debate.

He may divide opinion, but there's no denying rapper Kanye West will inject a healthy dose of the ridiculous into his headline set on the Saturday night.

Hit settlist will probably be made up of new tracks from his upcoming album SWISH, along with fan-favourites such as All of the Lights, Jesus Walks and Stronger.

Then on the Sunday, to celebrate their 50th anniversary, rock legends The Who will close Glastonbury, rounding off the weekend with famous singalongs My Generation, Pinball Wizard and Substitute.

Motown legend Lionel Richie takes pride of place on the Sunday afternoon 'Dolly Parton' slot this year, while there are also sets from established acts like Mary J Blige, Motorhead, Suede, Patti Smith, Paul Weller, The Chemical Brothers, as well as emerging talent such as Years & Years, Rae Morris, Wolf Alice, Soak, Saint Raymond, Sunset Sons and Tourist.



Florence and the Machine feature, Glastonbury 2015, Friday, BBC2, 7.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Nigel Slater: Eating Together BBC1, 7.30pm**  
Nigel's tour of the flavours of Britain takes him from a classic Lancashire hotpot to three melt-in-the-mouth one-pot dishes with origins from around the world. He meets Yasmin, whose fesenjoon takes her back to her childhood in Iran, gets a lesson in Brazil's national dish feijoada from brothers Andre and Anderson, and discovers the delicate flavours of a traditional Bangladeshi korma as he joins Enam and his family to celebrate Eid. Inspired by their dishes, Nigel creates a luxurious bean hotpot bejewelled with beetroot and carrot.

**The £100K House: The Final Fix BBC2, 8pm**  
In case you've missed both series of The House That £100k Built (it's popped up with little or no fanfare on BBC Two during the last couple of years), and the first part of this programme, the premise is simple: architectural historian Kieran Long (of Restoration Home fame) and architect Piers Taylor meet various couples who have a budget of £100k with which to construct the house of their dreams - and to date, they've witnessed some pretty amazing results. But, once the dust settled, how have the homeowners got on? Are they

still blissfully happy with their achievements? Last week, Taylor visited one batch of builders, and now he's catching up with a woman who constructed her property in the Scottish borders, as well as a couple of Devon farmers.

**TUESDAY**  
**The Bank: A Matter of Life and Debt BBC2, 9pm**  
Since the 2008 banking crash, the public's faith in banks is at an all-time low. Filmed over a year at the NatWest branch in Huddersfield, this series explores our tempestuous relationship with our finances and the banks we choose to help us look after them. NatWest is owned by RBS, which was bailed out by the government and is 79-per-cent owned by the taxpayer. So when their customers feel they aren't getting a fair deal, even more focus is placed on the bank. Deputy bank manager Claire is challenged to improve the branch's customer service score, but when customer Alan fumes over a missing cheque, and another, Chris, complains about the mortgage advice he's been given, this seems like an impossible task.



The £100K House: The Final Fix, Monday, BBC2, 8pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Don't Tell the Bride BBC1, 8pm**  
The Bafta-nominated series, which follows the journey of couples as the groom is put in charge of planning their upcoming weddings, moves from BBC Three to BBC One. The opening edition focuses on bride-to-be Jenni and her fiancé Andrew. Jenni is one of life's romantics, but her confidence has been knocked by a disability caused by pregnancy. As her dutiful carer, Andrew's romantic side seems to have fallen by the wayside as everyday demands take their toll. However, with three weeks and £14,000 to work with, Andrew is now planning a fun-filled, big top-themed wedding to give them both a break from their troubled lives. Can he pull it off? And will Jenni be happy with the results?

**THURSDAY**  
**Superhospital ITV, 9pm**  
Channel 4 has 24 Hours in A&E, while the BBC weighs in with An Hour to Save Your Life.

Now ITV is entering the medical docusoap stakes with a new series that takes viewers behind the scenes at the Royal Derby Hospital. Its producers visited 20 institutions and plumped for this one because it's a large, modern hospital which provides a wide range of services. But cameras won't be focusing on how the place is run. Instead, it's the human stories they want to capture, those involving both staff and patients. The opening episode introduces viewers to some of those they will get to know over the next four weeks, including Jayne, a sister on the liver ward, who loves her job and is about to celebrate 40 years in nursing.

**FRIDAY**  
**The Last Leg Channel 4, 10pm**  
New series. Following three election specials aired earlier this spring, the award-winning show returns for a full series of irreverent satire as Adam Hills and co-hosts Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker tear into the week's main talking points. The trio offer their own unique insight into some of the most difficult and delicate issues in modern Britain, and answer that most important of questions: is it OK? As usual, they are joined by a live studio audience and a celebrity guest, which this week is actor, writer and director Stephen Merchant.

JULY		
Mon 6th	Torquay - Coppice Hotel (late availability) Excursions, Entertainment.....	5 days £220
Sat 18th	Weston Super Mare or Burnham on Sea (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sun 19th	RAF Fairfield Royal International Air Tattoo, a Great Day Out!.....	£50 £50 £10
Wed 22nd	Elan Valley Dams & Built Wells Midweek Special.....	£16 or 2 £30
Thurs 23rd	Bath Roman & Georgian City, Sightseeing/Shopping.....	£18 £16 £13
Sat 25th	Blackpool Pleasure Beach 6pm Rtn (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sat 25th	Weston Super Mare - Sun, Sand & Pier (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sun 26th	Mystery Day Out North East or West????.....	£16 or 2 £30
Mon 27th	Rhyl or Llandudno - Sand, Sea, Pier (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Wed 29th	Carvery & Stratford on Avon, Shopping, Sightseeing!.....	£20
Thurs 30th	Chatsworth House & Gardens, the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire's Home.....	£30

AUGUST		
Sat 1st	Blackpool Pleasure Beach Rtn 6.00pm (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sat 1st	Waldorf Hotel, London, 5 Star Luxury/Hotel, Tour/Afternoon Tea, 2 days.....	£135
Mon 3rd	Chester, Cheshire Oaks or Chester Zoo, excludes admission.....	£18 £16 £13
Tues 4th	Drayton Manor Park & Zoo - a Great Day Out for all the family.....	£30
Tues 4th	Highgrove House Garden Tour - a 2 hour guided tour, Shop, Restaurant.....	£47.50
Wed 5th	Snowdonia Tour Llangollen, Betws y Coed, Llanberis Pass, Llandudno.....	£20 £18 £16
Thurs 6th	Liverpool City of Culture Sightseeing/Shopping/Caverns (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Fri 7th	The Mumbles the Gower Coast & Swansea.....	£22 £20 £14
Sat 8th	Weston Super Mare, Sun, Sand & Pier (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sat 8th	Llandudno - Sun, Sand & Pier, Victorian Town (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sun 9th	Blackpool or Free Airshow - Red Arrows, Vulcan etc. (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sun 9th	Buckingham Palace & the State Rooms "A Royal Welcome".....	£47 £45 £35
Tues 11th	Cotswolds Moreton in the Marsh & Bourton on the Water.....	£12 or 2 £20
Wed 12th	Mystery Meal Tour. Day out with a stop for lunch.....	£20
Thurs 13th	Harry Potter Tour - The Hogwarts Express has arrived.....	£52 £50 £48
Fri 14th	Shrewsbury Flower Show - more than just a Flower Show!.....	£35 £33 £15
Sat 15th	Weston Super Mare - Sun, Sand & Pier (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sat 15th	Blackpool Pleasure Beach 6pm Rtn (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sun 16th	Heartbeat Country, Aidenfield & Whitley Tour.....	£26 £25 £20
Mon 17th	Chesterfield Market & Matlock Bath £16 or 2.....	£30
Tues 18th	Clarks Village & Weston Super Mare (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Wed 19th	Weymouth Carnival, Aerial Displays, Carnival Parade.....	£22 £20 £16
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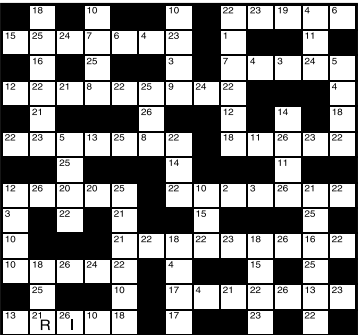
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Sat 29th	Weston Super Mare or Burnham on Sea (f/s £55).....	£18 £16 £13
Sun 30th	Mystery Day Out North East or West????.....	£16 or 2 £30
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SEPTEMBER		
Tues 1st	Llangollen Market Day & Horse drawn Canal Cruise.....	£25
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Sat 7th	Mystery Weekend Turkey & Tinsel (now booking for 2nd coach).....	2 days £79
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Thurs 10th	Thursford Christmas Spectacular, 3 Star Hotel, Excursions, 3 days.....	£209



Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

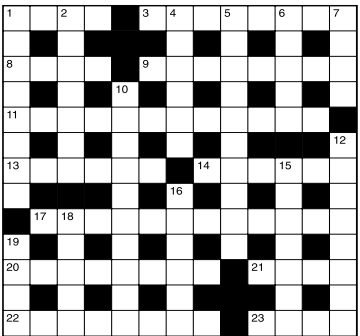
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

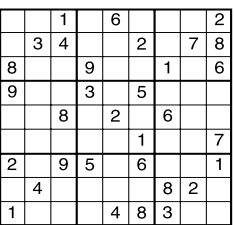
- Across**
- Our lot (4)
  - Serving men and women operate from behind it (4-4)
  - Get carried away (4)
  - Don't allow to come out (8)
  - Just one instance of an infectious disease? (8,4)
  - Approaching the age of rebellion? (6)
  - On average, one child is a clergyman (6)
  - From which to draw money for the meat? (5,7)
  - Countrymen give vegetables to workers (8)
  - Kind of gun having catches reversed (4)
  - I'd turn a sickly colour and refuse permission (8)
  - You might say it when offering a gift or present (4)
- Down**
- Skin specialists (8)
  - It is very boring and is due to be altered (7)
  - Morning spent being entertained (6)
  - Hope engendered by the will? (10)
  - Sadie gets wrong thoughts (5)
  - Some conversed in Gaelic (4)
  - Service no longer used by gunners (10)
  - Scent in a new form, for example (8)
  - Dash off for coal (7)
  - Preliminary (12)
  - Get away (6)
  - Battled (6)
  - New birth (12)
  - Not eatable (8)
  - Fete (4)
  - Blow up (8)
  - A metal (4)



Quick Clues:

- Across**
- Properly (4)
  - Progressed (8)
  - Despatch (4)
  - Scholarly (8)
  - Preliminary (12)
  - Get away (6)
  - Battled (6)
  - New birth (12)
  - Not eatable (8)
  - Fete (4)
  - Blow up (8)
  - A metal (4)
- Down**
- Scorned (8)
  - Madman (7)
  - Diversions (6)
  - Extra (10)
  - Singers (5)
  - Nightfall (4)
  - Finishing (10)
  - Model (8)
  - Wry face (7)
  - Sleuths; 13 Impost; 15 Astral; 18 Ignoble; 20 Brass; 22 Union; 23 Trivial; 24 Penetrating. Down: 2 Plant; 3 Repress; 4 Please; 5 Inane; 6 Traitor; 7 Ignominious; 8 Senselessly; 14 Pensive; 16 Subsidist; 17 Better; 19 Binge; 21 Align.

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	4	7	6	5	9	2	1	8
8	1	5	3	2	4	9	7	5
9	2	5	8	7	1	4	3	6
7	9	2	4	3	8	5	6	1
1	6	3	2	9	5	7	4	3
4	5	3	7	1	6	8	9	2
6	3	9	5	8	7	1	2	4
5	7	4	1	6	2	3	8	9
2	8	1	9	4	3	6	5	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 High-pitched; 9 Adamant; 10 Idiot; 11 Tress; 12 Chequer; 13 Reform; 15 Account; 18 Income; 20 Urgent; 22 Chide; 23 Outrage; 24 Intemperate. Down: 2 Image; 3 Hoarser; 4 Intact; 5 Clive; 6 Epicure; 7 Masterpiece; 8 Star-studded; 14 Fiction; 16 Counter; 17 Recoup; 19 Niece; 21 Graft. QUICK - Across: 1 Appropriate; 9 Grapple; 10 Aware; 11 Outrage; 12 Sleuths; 13 Impost; 15 Astral; 18 Ignoble; 20 Brass; 22 Union; 23 Trivial; 24 Penetrating. Down: 2 Plant; 3 Repress; 4 Please; 5 Inane; 6 Traitor; 7 Ignominious; 8 Senselessly; 14 Pensive; 16 Subsidist; 17 Better; 19 Binge; 21 Align.

Thinking space

Quiz

- In the novel Gulliver's Travels what was Gulliver's christian name?
- In which year did Castro seize power in Cuba?
- With which art form do you associate Louis Daguerre?
- Of which country was King Zog monarch?
- Which Oscar-winning actor was born Reginald Truscott-Jones?
- What is the 49th state of the United States of America?
- Which year saw the birth of Isaac Newton and the death of Galileo?
- When did the League of Nations come into being?
- In which country is the mountain Aconcagua?
- What does the musical term andante mean?

**Last week's solutions:**

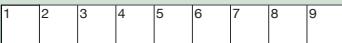
**Quiz:** 1 Jerry Lewis; 2 Mahatma Gandhi; 3 W.B. Yeats; 4 A storm; 5 Trees; 6 1872; 7 Mikhail Gorbachev; 8 The Music Man; 9 Trombone; 10 Santiago.

**Niner:** COLUMBINE

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

692 gives a cereal grass,  
48237 gives another cereal grass,  
6512 gives a flower.



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# Dealer looking fabulous

## Commercial feature

**Family-run Vauxhall dealer, Stourbridge Motor House, has undergone a total refurbishment to the showroom, service and waiting area. This company investment ensures they match the approved standards set by Vauxhall.**

Andy Cooper, general manager said: "Having building work on the site isn't the best situation but the staff rose to the challenges.

"As the saying goes, 'no pain, no gain' and the showroom and service area looks fantastic."

## Free fuel this weekend

Stourbridge Motor House is relieved to be back to trading as normal and is holding an open weekend today, tomorrow and Sunday.

Ian Holdsworth, sales manager commented: "All the staff have coped very well during the refurbishment and I'd like to thank our customers for their patience during this time.

"We will have some excellent offers on during the weekend to kick start our re-launch, one of which is free tank of fuel with every car sold.

"So please come down, even if you just want to check out the new furnishings, we will be pleased you joined the celebrations."

Also this weekend, Stourbridge Motor House will be introducing the brand new

Vauxhall Viva which will also be in the showroom.

The insanely rational city car with advance 3-cylinder engine technology, clear design and class leading comfort. Just like the old one, but completely different.

Stourbridge Motor House, is part of a family-run business that has been trading in the West Midlands for over 60 years and prides itself on offering high-quality, convenient care for its customers.

## Vauxhall

The retailer's extensive Vauxhall fleet of new and used vehicles, as well as an outstanding aftersales service ensures loyal customers keep coming back time and time again.

Additionally, Stourbridge Motor House offers excellent value-for-money and customers can take advantage of a range of savings across the models for example the ADAM Slam has free insurance and the new Corsa Sting is available from only £99 per month

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**'Stourbridge Motor House is relieved to be back to trading as normal.'**

Ian continues: "We are very proud to be able to offer motorists with disabilities the chance to drive away in a Vauxhall vehicle that fully meets their mobility needs.

"We have also increased the number of models available at nil advance payment in the scheme.

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For further information about Stourbridge Motor House and for details of vehicles in the Vauxhall range, please contact the retailer on High Street, Amblecote DY8 4DG.

Alternatively, call 01384 447970 or go to [www.stourbridgemotorhouse.co.uk](http://www.stourbridgemotorhouse.co.uk)

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# Attractive newcomer setting new standards

By James Parker

ŠKODA is once again making its mark with the new ŠKODA Superb. Just months after the debut of the hatchback, comes the new ŠKODA Superb Estate. Based on innovative MQB technology, this attractive newcomer sets new standards in its segment in terms of space, comfort, safety and connectivity. The new ŠKODA Superb Estate has the largest interior space and luggage compartment in its class. The total boot volume is nearly 2,000 litres. At the same time, the new and expressive ŠKODA design transforms the new-generation model into a stylish estate with dynamic elegance.

"With the new ŠKODA Superb Estate, we have further developed the existing strengths of the Superb and once again set a benchmark. With its expressive, dynamic design, we are emphasising and complementing ŠKODA's expertise in the estate segment," said Dr Frank Welsch, ŠKODA board member for technical development. "The combination of aesthetics, top-of-the range technology and the highest practical benefits makes the new Superb Estate an outstanding vehicle within its segment. With the new flagship, we will attract new customers to our brand," said Welsch.

## Worldwide

ŠKODA has offered an estate version of its top model, the ŠKODA Superb, since 2009. To date, ŠKODA has delivered more than 200,000 ŠKODA Superb Estate models to customers worldwide. This represents 35 per cent of all ŠKODA Superbs sold since 2009.

The new ŠKODA Superb Estate offers the best interior space in its segment. It is based on MQB technology, with a wheelbase that has been extended by 80mm to 2,841mm. The track width has increased to 1,584mm at the front and to 1,572mm at the rear. The result: even more interior space. In the latest model, driver and passenger have 39mm more elbow room than before.

Headroom in the front is 995mm and 1,001mm in the rear – more than in any other model in the segment. Rear knee-room is 157mm – around twice as much as the next-best competitor. Elbow room in the rear has been increased by 70mm.

## Impressive

The boot volume also sets a new benchmark: 660 litres, representing an increase of 27 litres compared to the previous model. When the back seats are folded down, the boot volume reaches an impressive 1,950 litres.

The design of the new ŠKODA Superb Estate makes a powerful statement. The design is more passionate, modern and emotionally charged than ever before.

The use of MQB technology also plays a central role when it comes to styling: the longer wheelbase, the shortened front overhang as well as the widened track provide balanced proportions and create the car's extremely dynamic and sporty impression.

In combination with increased vehicle length, a long wheelbase, shortened front overhang, a sweeping roof line and a steeply angled rear window, the silhouette evolves as a stylistically confident, perfect entity. The front and rear are expressive and unmistakably ŠKODA.

The new ŠKODA Superb Estate comes with a veritable armada of new assistance systems for increased safety, eco-friendliness and comfort. Like the Superb hatchback, the new Superb Estate also features Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC).

Thanks to the new EU6 engines, the latest edition is more powerful and at the same time up to 30 per cent more efficient than its predecessor.

Connectivity reaches a new level of quality: the latest generation of infotainment systems automatically connects to all standard smartphones via SmartLink (MirrorLink™, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto technology). The optional high-speed internet connection turns the new Superb Estate into a ŠKODA hotspot on wheels.

In September, the new ŠKODA Superb Estate will make its motor show debut at the 66th International Motor Show (IAA) in Frankfurt, Germany.

The new model will be launched into the first markets in the same month, while UK ŠKODA retailers will start taking orders from June.



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# Crossover more rider friendly

By John Griffiths

**Motorcycling isn't, for most riders, simply about getting from A to B: it's about the way you do it, the sense of adventure.**

That may at least partly explain while the 'adventure' class of machine is one of the fastest growing sectors of the market (apart from scooters and small capacity commuter bikes), taking the place of the former dream-dominating supersport bikes.

It could be said BMW started the trend, with the soaring success of its 1200 GS which followed the round the world adventures of Ewan McGregor and Charlie Boorman on a pair of the big boxer twins. Honda was quick to react with its 1,200cc Crosstourer and its small sibling, the Crossrunner.

This latter machine is officially the VFR800X, because under its sharp, adventure styling are all the essential elements of the legendary VFR 800 sports tourer, with its fuel-injected 800cc VTEC motor, transmission and brakes.

Technically the major differences are in ground clearance and suspension, recognising that one of the reasons for buying an adventure bike is that riders may want to venture off the smooth asphalt and onto rougher surfaces.

The Crossrunner first appeared in 2011, but has undergone a transformation for this model year. True to its name, it includes upgrades first seen on the latest VFR 800 launched last year, in particular a revised engine, chassis, a new traction control system, LED headlights, a more upright riding position and an automatic turn signal canceller.

The VTEC system uses two cam profiles, for high and low revs, to optimise torque across the rev range, with a maximum power output of 104bhp at 10,250rpm but maximum torque of 75Nm rather lower down the band. It's mated to a smooth-shifting six-speed transmission.

You can feel it in action. Acceleration off the mark is swift enough, and for most of the time the bike performs well enough for most conditions at relatively low rpm. But once you approach the 6,000rpm mark you can feel an extra push and hear a deeper growling from the exhaust: it comes in smoothly and progressively.

The new traction control system has three settings and instantly reduces torque if the back wheel starts to spin. A boon for off-roads, but equally useful on wet roads for those a bit too enthusiastic with the throttle: you don't feel the intervention but you'll know it's happening by the flashing symbol on the instrument panel.

The brakes are the same as the sports tourer, with twin 310mm discs at the front and a 265mm disc at the rear and two-channel ABS.

## Handling

The Crossrunner's seat is height adjustable and its shape has been redesigned – it's now narrower at the front to help shorter riders get their feet flat on the floor when you stop.

It has particularly wide bars set at just the right height for a comfortable, upright riding position and quick to respond to rider input, with extra leverage and low yaw inertia.

The Crossrunner handles well for a tall, adventure style bike, feeling particularly well balanced for a machine weighing in at 242kg. This is partly due to its narrow profile with its V4 power plant, with even the new high efficiency radiators (based on Honda's RC45 race special) now in front of the engine, instead of on either side.

Twisty roads are its forte, and it doesn't take long to appreciate its accurate tracking, with a light feel more akin to a nippy little 500 than a big touring machine.

The new, adjustable screen and redesigned bodywork provide reasonable protection from the elements, and you get five-stage heated grips to keep young fingers toasty. The new, high efficiency generator is designed to ensure such creature comforts don't lead to a flat battery.

The major technical difference between the VFR sports tourer and this X version is in the suspension, which has a whole 25mm of extra travel at the front (and 28mm at the back) for those attempting a rougher track. Both are fully adjustable, which for me is just as well for I found the standard setting a bit too hard for my tastes on the road.

The 17-inch aluminium wheels take 120/70 rubber at the front and 180/55 at the rear. Honda's own security system is standard, but an alarm is on the list of optional extras along with a rear carrier and an assortment of luggage.

Mechanically, there's few better starting points from a new class of bike than Honda's VFR800 and a raft of improvements have made this second generation Crossrunner a more rider-friendly machine.

The redesigned, height adjustable seat, handlebars, comprehensive digital instruments, heated grips and traction control form a package which is more than the sum of its parts, producing a more comfortable rideable machine.

That's particularly important in this class of bike, often bought by those for whom long distance touring is almost a way of life.

That's in addition to the upright 'command' riding position which enables you to get the best possible view of the road ahead: and on this bike the best view behind, too, with the extra wide bars allowing mirrors which reflect rather more than the rider's elbows.

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## Bike riders cope well on Wales' wet ways

HALESOWEN Cycling Club headed off to Cardiff for the fifth round of the National Series for the Junior Racing.

The course was set out on closed roads just across from the castle with the finishing straight set out Tour de France style.

The early rain did not dampen the mood of the contestants on this technical h-shaped course although it did produce the odd crash.

First up for Halesowen was Ella Harris in the girls U-8 and she did well to podium in third position.

Her older brother Luke then raced in the U-10 which saw an early lone breakaway.

Luke quickly established himself in a select chasing pack and although they narrowed the gap to six seconds, at the end Jed Smith from Hillingdon hung on for victory with Luke taking an impressive fourth place.

The U-14 race likewise saw an early attack from Zak Bridges of Cardiff racing club. He quickly established a lead but then crashed and had to re-enter the race back in the chasing duo.

Zak attacked again to win but not far behind local Halesowen rider Jamieson Blain was showing just how competitive he is to come home in a bunch sprint around 12th place.

The U-16 race was fast right from the gun and Oliver Dighton from Halesowen had a rare off day.

The winner, Harry Hardcastle from the NE survived a crash with the pick of the Midland's riders being Ben Hardwicke and Will Lewis from Wolverhampton closely followed by Jake Stewart and Ben Healey from Solihull.

## Hennessy is happy with Palace spot

FORMER Wolves goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey says he knows about interest from Albion – but insists he remains happy at Crystal Palace.

Baggies boss Tony Pulis is keen to be reunited with the Wales international, who he took to Selhurst Park in January 2014.

But the 28-year-old is insisting publicly that he wants to stay with the Eagles and battle with Julian Speroni for the No.1 jersey despite a frustrating time last season.

"I've had people telling me about interest from West Brom," said Hennessey.

"I've got two years left at Palace so I'm happy. I played the last couple of games so hopefully I can start next season.

"My season didn't start very well. I'd have liked to have been playing, but I've kept myself right."

# Mongan destroys opponents

TWO destructive performances from James Mongan saw him crowned Three Nations Schools champion with a pair of first round stoppages, writes Craig Birch.

The 13-year-old traveller, the country's best for his age at 40kg, travelled to Swansea to represent his country at the weekend in formidable form.

As the host nation, Wales got two picks to make up the semi-finals and Mongan, who boxes out of Priory Park in Dudley, took the pair of them out.

First, on Saturday, he made Shaun Brown quit on his stool at the end of the first round, after a relentless barrage of pressure.

Brown had his head rocked back with flurries of

punches before his corner, examining their fighter at the end of the round, pulled him out.

Then, on Sunday, a lovely screw shot saw a right uppercut sink Scott Burgess to the canvas, at just the midway point of the opening session.

Burgess had to answer a standing eight count from the shot but was in trouble again from Mongan's quick-fire attacks, forcing the referee to step in.

Mongan is now waiting to find out whether he will follow his older brother Jerry, who won a 54kg Schools national title last year, into the autumn's European Championships.

Trainer Warren Davies said: "I think it will be a

couple of weeks before they let us know, so we will keep James ticking over until then.

"Our gym is actually closed, at the minute, as it's being refurbished, so we are getting James in where we can and then taking him out for sparring.

"If he's not picked, James will have a break. He deserves one, because he's done well this year, but the Euros would be a great experience for him.

"The kid can do anything, he can fight and box. The first lad was supposed to be a slick southpaw and it took James no time at all to figure him out.

"He couldn't have done any more to impress the selectors, with two first round stoppages. He was throwing powerful shots at angles for fun."

# Stalwart throws himself into judo

**DUDLEY Judo Club is going from strength to strength as it settles into its new home.**

And you don't have to look very far to find the driving force behind the growing list of achievements – chairman and chief instructor Alan Hackett.

The 51-year-old from Gornal is one of those unsung heroes who dedicate their time to helping others.

He has been involved with the club for 35 years having started out as a competitor aged 16.

And in between instructing Dudley's talented youngsters he is still finds time to compete for GB Masters and in various events up and down the country.

But his main focus is looking after the youngsters that flood through the doors of their new base at the Conservative Club in Upper Gornal.

"I have been competing and instructing for so long now that it has just become part of my life," said Hackett, who is a fourth dan black belt.

"I probably dedicate 25-30 hours a week to the club. People ask me what my motivation is and the answer is simple – to keep kids off the streets and away from drugs.

### Discos

"This gives them something to do and something to focus on. It's more than just a judo club, we have a really strong social side with discos and regular events.

"We are going from strength to strength as a club and now have 22 juniors and 15 adults competing all over the country.

"We have just moved our training venue to the Conservative Club in Upper Gornal after 33 years at Upper Gornal Recreation Centre.

"It's roughly the same size but it's a better facility and hopefully the move will help the club grow even more."

The list of success on the mat has certainly grown with the club clocking up a healthy medal count this year.

Hackett's charges have already taken 15 gold, 11 silver and 19 bronze medals from competitions around the country with the promise of more to come.

The quality of coaching from Hackett and his fellow instructors Ben Foye, Lisa McLenghan and Lee Elgton is further highlighted by the fact that



Some of the club's members show off their medals from left, Luke Jones (bronze), Jordan Worwood (silver), Phillipa Butcher (gold) and Loren Willetts (bronze)

youngsters Danny Harris, aged 16, Tom Ralph, 16, Megan Davies, 14, Amy Gettings, 14, Charlotte Smith, 15, Kira McLenghan, 15, all train with the GB squad in Walsall each week.

And Hackett is quick to praise the support he receives as he continues to clock up the hours.

"The backing and support I receive from the other instructors, members of the club and the parents of the children involved is fantastic," he said. "If I want

or need something doing there is always someone willing to help." Bill Harris is Hackett's trusted right-hand man and vice chairman and, as a qualified accountant, takes care of the club's books.

"Everywhere the kids compete, I go and watch and so does Bill," said Hackett.

The family feel to the club is strengthened by the fact Hackett's wife, Annette, helps out along with his daughter, Natasha and stepson, Tom Stanaway.

## Fox is fairly confident Benteke will stay at Villa

CHIEF EXECUTIVE Tom Fox is 'fairly certain' Christian Benteke will stay at Villa after confirming the striker will be offered a new contract.

The Belgium hitman's future is the subject of fervent speculation, with boss Tim Sherwood having revealed a release clause of £32.5million in the 24-year-old's current deal, which has two years left to run.

Benteke's agent Eric Kismet has claimed the striker wants to play for a club who have qualified for Europe next season but Fox is hopeful Villa can stave off the suitors and keep a player who scored 12 goals in his final 13 games of the campaign.

"We are obviously going to offer him (Benteke) a new contract in the summer," said Fox. "He's a fantastic player and one of the top strikers in the Premier League and I think he is someone who is recognised around the world as one of the top strikers.

"His goals in the second half of the season were fundamental to us staying up.

"He has got a good relationship with everyone at the club. I know him and Tim have a great working relationship, so our hope is we can keep him. I haven't had any conversations with him.

"I know he's got two years left on his deal as a starting point, so I am fairly certain we can have him back next year if we want."

Fox hopes Benteke, who is currently away on international duty with Belgium, will follow the example of Villa captain Fabian Delph who committed his own future to the club by signing a four-and-half year deal in January."

## Delight as Edwards is promoted

ROB EDWARDS is 'delighted and humbled' to be promoted to Wolves' first-team coach after just a year in charge of the club's under-18s.

The former Molineux defender rejoined the club as under-18s coach last summer, having retired from playing in 2013.

The former Welsh international enjoyed a successful first season, leading the team to six straight wins at one stage – a run that included beating Manchester United and Manchester City.

Edwardssaid: "I'm delighted and humbled to be given the opportunity to work alongside Kenny Jackett, Joe Gallen, the rest of the first team staff and the players. I'm pleased the head coach wants to take me as part of his staff and I'm looking forward to being able to help."



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## Sherwood closes in on his first deal

Tim SHERWOOD was closing in on his first signing as Villa boss with Micah Richards set to reject Albion, Sunderland and a host of other clubs to join the FA Cup finalists.

The former Manchester City right-back, who spent last season on loan with Serie A club Fiorentina, is a free agent after leaving the Etihad Stadium.

Richards, 26, is a 13-time England international and won two league titles, the FA Cup and the League Cup with City, but last featured for Manuel Pellegrini's side in a home defeat to Wigan in March 2014.

Meanwhile, Villa captain Fabian Delph has urged Christian Benteke to follow his lead – but told Jack Grealish to let his heart decide his international future.

Delph insists he will not try and twist the arm of his 19-year-old claret and blue team-mate when it comes to choosing his international future.

Grealish, who starred in Villa's late season revival, is yet to decide whether to commit his international future to England or the Republic of Ireland.

The Birmingham-born midfielder has appeared for Ireland at youth level but turned down the chance to join up with Martin O'Neill's most recent squad.

And Delph, currently away with the Three Lions squad ahead of Sunday's Euro 2016 qualifier with Slovenia, says it is a decision Grealish must make for himself.

"I'll leave that to him," said Delph. "He's represented Ireland in the younger age groups but it's his decision. I won't be one to put pressure on him."

The Villa skipper is hopeful Benteke will follow his example and sign a new deal at Villa Park.

Delph put pen to paper on a new four-and-a-half year contract in January.

## Glassboys' Will is going back to old stomping ground

AFTER two years with the Glassboys Will Richards has opted to return to his previous club Redditch United.

The versatile 23-year old, who has played at the back, in midfield and up-front for Stourbridge, has returned home to Knighton in mid-Wales after completing his university course in Birmingham and had also attracted interest from Hereford FC and Welsh Premier outfit Newtown since the end of last season.

In his first season at the War Memorial Athletic Ground the former Shrewsbury and AFC Telford player was named the Manager's Player of the Year.

Richards could face his old club next month with Stourbridge due to visit Redditch United in the quarter-finals of the Worcestershire Senior Cup on July 18.

Also with the Womens' World Cup currently in full swing in Canada, Stourbridge FC are looking to boost the ranks of their female Under-14s and Under-18s squads ahead of the new season.

Interested parties are asked to contact Andrew Jones on 07401 331138 for details of trials.

## Rooney and Wilshere are the heroes

ROY Hodgson saluted Wayne Rooney and Jack Wilshere after they fired England to a thrilling 3-2 win over Slovenia.

After last week's dull goalless draw against the Republic of Ireland, England answered their critics with a breathtaking 3-2 win in Ljubljana last night.

The victory, which cements England's comprehensive lead at the top of their Euro 2016 qualifying group, meant England ended the season unbeaten for the first time in 24 years.

Wilshere's first two goals – in response to Milivoje Novakovic's opener – put England ahead for the first time, but Nejc Pecnik stepped off the

### Football

bench to score what he thought was an equaliser six minutes from time.

But just two minutes later, shortly after receiving an elbow in the face from Bostjan Cesar, Rooney kept his nerve to capitalise on a mistimed tackle from Bojan Jokic and slide the ball past Samir Handanovic.

The winning goal put Rooney just one goal shy of Sir Bobby Charlton's 49-goal record and his manager could not have been happier for him.

"Wayne Rooney's performance says a lot of

things about him as a man," the England manager said of his captain.

"Just before he took that chance he took a nasty blow from an elbow, which could have decked many a player and led to him losing his discipline. It didn't and he got up.

"He had one or two chances that had gone begging, but when the ball fell to him he still stuck it away with aplomb.

"We can rely on that man. I'd have liked him to get a hat-trick today so all the talk of the record would be finished, but he has plenty of time."

Rooney, who ended the season with 22 goals, said: "It's great to score the winner."

# HEATHENS SET FOR BIG CLASH

**CRADLEY are preparing for the match of the season when they face fellow Perry Barr tenants Birmingham next Wednesday.**

And with a tricky trip to Mildenhall on Sunday, boss Will Pottinger says it's a big part of the season.

Heathens are facing up to the remainder of the campaign without teenage star Nathan Greaves, who has suffered a badly broken leg.

They will use the rider replacement facility over the next two meetings with limited options for a new signing.

Said Pottinger: "These are arguably our two biggest tests and most important meetings of the season so far – both teams are up and around us towards the top of the league table and taking points off them and more importantly trying to make sure that our opponents go away from the meetings empty handed could prove even more important."

"Mildenhall have won all four of their home league matches so far so we know it will be tough but we want to go there and end that run."

### Important

"We've had some pretty good results at West Row in our last few visits and it's important we go there with the belief we can pick up some more league points."

"But for me the biggest meeting of the year so far is when we host Birmingham next Wednesday."

"We had a disappointing meeting at the Fours but it's important we re-group quickly and pull together and work as a team."

"The Brummies have been flying at Perry Barr and hopefully with us having the advantage to set the track up how we want it, it will catch them out."

"They've got three riders who've been in excellent form in Adam Ellis, Zach Wajtknecht and a rider we all know well at Cradley, Tom Perry and that's where we need the likes of Max (Clegg) and Matt (Williamson) to really step up to the plate once again and give them a tough time."

"I'm sure there'll be another bumper crowd for this one but it's important that as many of our fans get to Perry Barr as possible to try and outnumber and outshout Birmingham."

## Blue sky thinking on away kit



Wolves stars Dominic Irofa, Carl Ikeme and Nouha Dicko show their colours in Wolves' new away kit

THE electric blue strip has divided opinion among fans. Wolves fans have given a mixed reaction to the club's new light blue away kit.

The club took the wraps off the long-awaited design yesterday, with the kit going on sale this morning.

It is Wolves' first light blue kit since the 2000/01 season under Colin Lee and then Dave Jones, when Wolves finished 12th in the old First Division.

Light blue was the staple colour in the early 1990s but Wolves have since donned white, black, turquoise, green and even purple.

Fans went onto social media to have their say on the Puma design. More were positive than

against, with Sonnie Griffiths saying: "Yes – a better design. Prefer the collar on this one."

Zackary Haynes said: "I really like it, it's different. Only problem is we will only ever wear it like twice so is it worth buying?"

And Kayleigh Palmer added: "I like it, much nicer than the home kit."

"This one has a collar for start off."

Colin Peppiatt was pleased to see a return of light blue, which was the colour of choice for three Wolves away kits between 1990 and 1994, when Graham Turner was in charge.

He said: "Very happy to see light blue back. Light blue away kits were part of my childhood from 1990-1994."

## Wolves will suck up the pressure

WOLVES will embrace the pressure – that was the message from Molineux as the bookies named them among the Championship title favourites.

Wolves are the fourth most-fancied team with many bookmakers after narrowly missing the play-offs last season.

Derby, Hull, Middlesbrough and Burnley join Wolves as the pre-season promotion favourites.

And managing expectations among success-hungry Wolves fans has been a problem for past Molineux managers.

But head of football development and recruitment Kevin Thelwell, who is eyeing up the club's summer transfers, said it was a 'privilege' for the club to have such lofty expectations.

"We work for a big club – and when you work for a big club enough is never enough," he said. "If we were to get promoted to the Premier League we'd have to stay in the Premier League, if we stayed in the Premier League it'd be 'can you get to 12th', if we got to 12th we'd want to get in the top 10, if we got in the top 10 everyone would say, 'we're not that far off Europe are we?'."

"So you've got to embrace the pressure."

"And pressure is a bit of a privilege because there's not many clubs that have the opportunity to achieve what we could achieve."

Wolves will look to dip into the transfer market for some first-team additions over the coming weeks to boost their ranks.

He added: "There'll be pressure, it'll certainly be tough and it'll be made more difficult in terms of the teams coming into the league this year. There are some difficult teams coming up."

Promotion odds: Derby 8/1, Hull 8/1, Middlesbrough 9/1, Wolves 12/1, Burnley 12/1, Brentford 14/1.

## Tivdale bag new principal sponsor

TIVIDALE have unveiled Buildbase as their new principal sponsor ahead of the 2015/16 Evo-Stik Northern Premier League Division One South season.

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